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**From:** Bennett.Tate@epa.gov [Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 6/5/2017 2:27:02 PM  
**To:** Ethan Mathews [Mathews@ncga.com]  
**CC:** Andrew Bray [abray@pestworld.org]; Graham, Amy [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=26722dfde5b34925b0ad9a8dd4aff308-Graham, Amy]; Konkus, John [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=555471b2baa6419e8e141696f4577062-Konkus, Joh]  
**Subject:** Re: PPC Meeting June 15th

On Jun 5, 2017, at 10:02 AM, Ethan Mathews <Mathews@ncga.com> wrote:

Hi Tate --

PPC would still like to have you guys join us on the 15<sup>th</sup> if possible. If something comes up, no worries, we are happy to reschedule for a future meeting.

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**From:** Bennett, Tate [<mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Monday, June 5, 2017 9:40 AM  
**To:** Andrew Bray <[abray@pestworld.org](mailto:abray@pestworld.org)>  
**Cc:** Graham, Amy <[graham.amy@epa.gov](mailto:graham.amy@epa.gov)>; Konkus, John <[konkus.john@epa.gov](mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov)>; Ethan Mathews <[Mathews@ncga.com](mailto:Mathews@ncga.com)>  
**Subject:** Re: PPC Meeting June 15th

I'd just hate for you to lock us in when you can get someone else to fully commit. Maybe next meeting?

On Jun 5, 2017, at 9:24 AM, Andrew Bray <[abray@pestworld.org](mailto:abray@pestworld.org)> wrote:

Tate,

Unfortunately we can't move the monthly meeting, but we do meet every month. If something comes up the day of we're happy to reschedule and invite you to the next meeting. Please let me know if you want us to keep you on the agenda for June.

Thanks,

Andrew

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**From:** Bennett, Tate [<mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Monday, June 5, 2017 7:32 AM  
**To:** Andrew Bray <[abray@pestworld.org](mailto:abray@pestworld.org)>  
**Cc:** Graham, Amy <[graham.amy@epa.gov](mailto:graham.amy@epa.gov)>; Konkus, John <[konkus.john@epa.gov](mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: PPC Meeting June 15th

Andrew-

This is my mistake, but is there any opportunity to engage with the group on the 16th or can you send me a schedule of the day's events of the 15th? Pruitt will now be on the hill most of the day on the 15th, and we will all be on call. If I can take a look at line by line OR if the 16th is an option, that would be ideal. If not, we can try and work something out on our end or come to the next meeting.

Sorry for the complication here.

Tate

On Jun 2, 2017, at 4:17 PM, Andrew Bray <[abray@pestworld.org](mailto:abray@pestworld.org)> wrote:

Tate, Amy & John,

Sorry for the delayed response, but we're all set for June 15<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 to 12:00. The meeting will most likely be at Crop Life America's office but I'll confirm as the date nears. I can meet you in the lobby when you arrive. Im sending a calendar invite now and will touch base with you again the week of. Have a great weekend.

Thanks,

Andrew

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**From:** Bennett, Tate [<mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 1, 2017 1:40 PM  
**To:** Andrew Bray <[abray@pestworld.org](mailto:abray@pestworld.org)>; Graham, Amy <[graham.amy@epa.gov](mailto:graham.amy@epa.gov)>; Konkus, John <[konkus.john@epa.gov](mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: PPC Meeting June 15th

Adding Konkus to see if he can join too.



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**From:** Andrew Bray [<mailto:abray@pestworld.org>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 1, 2017 1:37 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)>; Graham, Amy  
<[graham.amy@epa.gov](mailto:graham.amy@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: PPC Meeting June 15th

Tate,

Could you please let me know by early next week if you will be able to attend the PPC meeting?

Thanks,

Andrew

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**From:** Andrew Bray  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 23, 2017 4:02 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)>; 'graham.amy@epa.gov'  
<[graham.amy@epa.gov](mailto:graham.amy@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Jim Fredericks <[jfredericks@pestworld.org](mailto:jfredericks@pestworld.org)>  
**Subject:** PPC Meeting June 15th

Tate and Amy,

I heard back from others on PPC leadership and we would like to invite you to speak at our meeting on June 15<sup>th</sup>. The meeting runs from 10:30 to 12:00 and we reserve 11:30 – 12:00 for discussion with an outside speaker like you. We would also like to invite Nancy Beck and Samantha Dravis if they have availability. We would hope to be able to present some of our issues but also have a discussion with you and some updates from EPA. We can finalize details when closer.

Please let me know at your earliest convenience.

Thanks,

Andrew

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[abray@pestworld.org](mailto:abray@pestworld.org)

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**From:** Jim Fredericks [jfredericks@pestworld.org]  
**Sent:** 8/15/2018 10:28:28 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, E]  
**Subject:** Automatic reply: Opportunity to Meet with the Acting Administrator

Thanks for your email. I am out of the office, returning to work on August 20th. Email responses may be delayed. If you need immediate assistance, please call the NPMA headquarters at Ex. 6

Thanks!  
Jim

Message

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**From:** Knakmuhs, Heath [hknakmuhs@USChamber.com]  
**Sent:** 2/22/2018 10:38:30 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, E]  
**Subject:** Arkansas

Tate –

It was good seeing you earlier today.

Here is a link to the video I mentioned. Please reach out if you have any questions.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QJXiGI-CSYM>

Best –

Heath

**HEATH KNAKMUHS**

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**From:** Marla Peek [Marla.PEEK@okfb.org]  
**Sent:** 2/15/2018 5:28:56 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, E]  
**Subject:** RE: your email distribution list

*Thank you!*

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**From:** Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 15, 2018 11:25 AM  
**To:** Marla Peek <Marla.PEEK@okfb.org>  
**Subject:** Re: your email distribution list

I'm sorry! I have you covered

On Feb 15, 2018, at 11:26 AM, Marla Peek <Marla.PEEK@okfb.org> wrote:

*Hi Elizabeth!*

*Just a reminder about adding me to your email distribution list. LeeAnna has been forwarding me your emails and unfortunately, today is her last day.*

*Thanks so much!*

*Marla*

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**From:** Ferguson, Lincoln [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=08CD7F82606244DE96B61B96681C46DE-FERGUSON, L]  
**Sent:** 3/9/2018 8:22:40 PM  
**To:** bret.baier@foxnews.com; katy.ricalde@foxnews.co  
**CC:** Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, E]  
**Subject:** EPA Saves Americans \$1 Billion in First Year under Trump

Bret-

Thanks again for hopping in the call. Below are the stats and the report we referred to on the phone.

The Administrator looks forward to seeing you this weekend. Please don't hesitate to reach out if there's anything else you need.

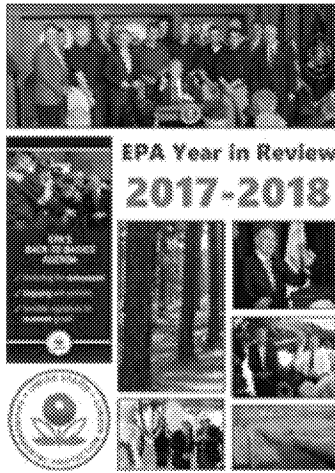
- Lincoln

See below a [copy](#) of EPA's report outlining the actions EPA administrator Scott Pruitt spearheaded in his first year to clear backlogs across the agency (FOIA, new chemical reviews, SIPs, Superfund decisions, etc.) and save the American people **\$1 billion in regulatory costs**.

To date, accomplishments include:

- <!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->**DE-REG:** EPA announced it would not finalize duplicative and unnecessary hardrock mining regulations under CERCLA
- <!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->**AIR:** Repealed CPP and returned power to the states by turning one Federal Implementation Plan (FIP) into a State Implementation Plan (SIP) each month; EPA's air office also ended "once in, always in"
- <!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->**WATER:** EPA rescinded the overreaching "Waters of the U.S." rule and cut the amount of time it took to review state water quality standards in half (from 120 to 60)
- <!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->**LAND:** Seven sites were removed from the NPL list last year, and – after decades of inaction, EPA put forth a plan to clean up the West Lake Landfill, a dumping ground for radioactive waste from the Manhattan Project.
- <!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->**CHEMICALS:** EPA is successfully meeting the deadlines set forth in the Lautenberg Chemical Safety Act, including clearing the new chemical backlog, releasing a fees rule and framework rules on prioritization, risk evaluation and inventory.
- <!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->**ENFORCEMENT:** In FY17, \$1.6 billion was collected in administrative and judicial penalties, higher than any of the previous 10 years, other than the year that included one \$5.6 billion action taken.

[Click here to view the report](#)



## Delivery Report

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**Sent:** 3/1/2018 9:20:52 PM  
**To:** WKovacs@USChamber.com  
**Subject:** Undeliverable: EMBARGOED UNTIL 4:30 PM: EPA Takes Action to Address Oil and Gas Compliance Concerns, Saving At Least \$14M in Regulatory Costs  
**Attachments:** EMBARGOED UNTIL 4:30 PM: EPA Takes Action to Address Oil and Gas Compliance Concerns, Saving At Least \$14M in Regulatory Costs

### Your message

**To:** Bennett, Tate  
**Subject:** EMBARGOED UNTIL 4:30 PM: EPA Takes Action to Address Oil and Gas Compliance Concerns, Saving At Least \$14M in Regulatory Costs  
**Sent:** 3/1/2018 9:20:48 PM



Your message to WKovacs@USChamber.com couldn't be delivered.

WKovacs wasn't found at uschamber.com.

Bennett.Tate	Office 365	WKovacs
Action Required		Recipient
Unknown To address		

## How to Fix It

The address may be misspelled or may not exist. Try one or more of the following:

- Send the message again following these steps: In Outlook, open this non-delivery report (NDR) and choose **Send Again** from the Report ribbon. In Outlook on the web, select this NDR, then select the link "**To send this message again, click here.**" Then delete and retype the entire recipient address. If prompted with an Auto-Complete List suggestion don't select it. After typing the complete address, click **Send**.
- Contact the recipient (by phone, for example) to check that the address exists and is correct.
- The recipient may have set up email forwarding to an incorrect address. Ask them to check that any forwarding they've set up is working correctly.
- Clear the recipient Auto-Complete List in Outlook or Outlook on the web by following the steps in this article: [Fix email delivery issues for error code 5.1.1 in Office 365](#), and then send the message again. Retype the entire recipient address before selecting **Send**.

If the problem continues, forward this message to your email admin. If you're an email admin, refer to the **More Info for Email Admins** section below.



Was this helpful? [Send feedback to Microsoft.](#)

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## More Info for Email Admins

Status code: 550 5.1.1

This error occurs because the sender sent a message to an email address outside of Office 365, but the address is incorrect or doesn't exist at the destination domain. The error is reported by the recipient domain's email server, but most often it must be fixed by the person who sent the message. If the steps in the **How to Fix It** section above don't fix the problem, and you're the email admin for the recipient, try one or more of the following:

**The email address exists and is correct** - Confirm that the recipient address exists, is correct, and is accepting messages.

**Synchronize your directories** - If you have a hybrid environment and are using directory synchronization make sure the recipient's email address is synced correctly in both Office 365 and in your on-premises directory.

**Errant forwarding rule** - Check for forwarding rules that aren't behaving as expected. Forwarding can be set up by an admin via mail flow rules or mailbox forwarding address settings, or by the recipient via the Inbox Rules feature.

**Mail flow settings and MX records are not correct** - Misconfigured mail flow or MX record settings can cause this error. Check your Office 365 mail flow settings to make sure your domain and any mail flow connectors are set up correctly. Also, work with your domain registrar to make sure the MX records for your domain are configured correctly.

For more information and additional tips to fix this issue, see [Fix email delivery issues for error code 550 5.1.1 in Office 365](#).

### Original Message Details

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Recipient Address: WKovacs@USChamber.com  
Subject: EMBARGOED UNTIL 4:30 PM: EPA Takes Action to Address Oil and Gas Compliance Concerns, Saving At Least \$14M in Regulatory Costs

### Error Details

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### Message Hops

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**Subject:** EMBARGOED UNTIL 4:30 PM: EPA Takes Action to Address Oil and Gas Compliance Concerns, Saving At Least \$14M in Regulatory Costs

## **EPA Takes Action to Address Oil and Gas Compliance Concerns, Saving At Least \$14 Million in Regulatory Costs**

WASHINGTON (March 1, 2018) — In two actions, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is taking steps to address significant and immediate compliance concerns for the oil and natural gas industry, reduce burdens on our state regulatory partners, and save millions of dollars in regulatory compliance costs.

EPA has finalized amendments for certain requirements contained within the 2016 oil and gas New Source Performance Standards (NSPS) and proposed to withdraw the control techniques guidelines (CTG) - an action that EPA estimates would save \$14 to \$16 million in regulatory compliance costs for the oil and gas industry from 2021-2035.

“The technical amendments to the 2016 oil and gas NSPS are meant to alleviate targeted regulatory compliance issues faced by affected sources,” **said EPA Office of Air and Radiation Assistant Administrator Bill Wehrum.** “While this action addresses an immediate need, it does not deter the ongoing work at the Agency to assess the 2016 rule as a whole, including whether it is prudent or necessary to directly regulate methane.”

“We believe the proposed withdrawal of the CTGs are necessary to provide regulatory certainty to one of the largest sectors of the American economy, and avoid unnecessary compliance costs to both covered entities and the states,” **said Wehrum.**

### ***Amendments to the 2016 New Source Performance Standards for the Oil and Gas Industry***

EPA has amended two narrow provisions of the 2016 NSPS for the oil and natural gas industry to address aspects of the rule that pose significant and immediate compliance concerns. The amendments address two of the “fugitive emissions” requirements in the 2016 rule: a requirement that leaking components be repaired during unplanned or

emergency shutdowns; and the monitoring survey requirements for well sites located on the Alaskan North Slope.

EPA took this final action in response to comments received on the June 2017 proposed stays of certain requirements in the rule and subsequent Notices of Data Availability (NODAs) issued in November 2017. EPA is continuing to evaluate comments the agency received on the proposed stays and NODAs.

To read the amendments to the 2016 rule, visit EPA's website at

<https://www.epa.gov/controlling-air-pollution-oil-and-natural-gas-industry/actions-and-notices-about-oil-and-natural-gas#regactions>

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### ***Proposal to withdraw the 2016 Control Techniques Guidelines for the Oil and Natural Gas Industry***

In a separate action, EPA is proposing to withdraw the 2016 Control Techniques Guidelines for the Oil and Natural Gas Industry (Oil and Gas CTG) in its entirety. The Oil and Gas CTG provides recommendations for certain states and areas that are required to address smog-forming volatile organic compound (VOC) emissions from covered sources as part of their state implementation plans for meeting EPA's national standards for ground-level ozone.

The Oil and Gas CTG relied on data and conclusions that were used in the 2016 NSPS for the oil and gas industry. EPA is currently reconsidering certain aspects of the 2016 NSPS and intends to look broadly at the rule during the reconsideration process.

Because some recommendations in the Oil and Gas CTG are based on the 2016 NSPS, and others are based on the NSPS issued in 2012, EPA believes withdrawing the entire Oil and Gas CTG will be more efficient for states, which otherwise might be required to revise their implementation plans twice: once, to address recommendations that are tied to the 2012 NSPS, and potentially a second time after the reconsideration of the 2016 NSPS is complete.

EPA has analyzed costs that would be avoided if the Oil and Gas CTG were withdrawn. The Agency analyzed avoided costs assuming that, even if the Oil and Gas CTG were withdrawn, some states might need to obtain VOC emission reductions from existing oil and gas sources as part of their state implementation plans for meeting the ozone standard. Using this perspective, the agency estimates that the oil and gas industry would avoid costs of \$1.2 million per year (3 percent discount rate) or \$1.6 million per year (7 percent discount rate) under this perspective, totaling \$14 or \$16 million from 2021-2035 (using discount rates of 3 and 7 percent respectively).

The agency will take public comment on withdrawing the Oil and Gas CTG for 45 days after a notice is published in the Federal Register.

To read the notice of proposed withdrawal, visit EPA's website at <https://www.epa.gov/controlling-air-pollution-oil-and-natural-gas-industry/actions-and-notices-about-oil-and-natural-gas#ctg>

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**CC:** mkelsey@okcattlemen.org; Kunderer, Kelly [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=e3c9a5d16e2244079e222f342bf9992f-Kunderer,]; Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, E]  
**Subject:** RE: Meeting w/ Administrator Pruitt  
**Attachments:** EPA Administrator Pruitt External Meeting Request Form.docx

Hello Roy –

Thank you for reaching out to us. Attached is the meeting request form that Millan referenced. If you could complete for us, we will then review and be in touch soon.

Thank you!

*Hayley Ford*

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Environmental Protection Agency

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**From:** Hupp, Millan  
**Sent:** Friday, February 16, 2018 6:14 AM  
**To:** Roy Lee Lindsey <RLlindsey@OKPORK.ORG>  
**Cc:** mkelsey@okcattlemen.org; Ford, Hayley <ford.hayley@epa.gov>; Kunderer, Kelly <kunderer.kelly@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Meeting w/ Administrator Pruitt

Mr. Lindsey,

Thank you so much for reaching out. It always brings me great joy to hear from fellow Oklahomans. I am copying Hayley Ford who will be able to assist you from here. She will ask you to complete a meeting request form before we can offer/confirm times.

Please let me know how I may further assist.

Warm regards,

Millan Hupp

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Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 16, 2018, at 2:06 AM, Roy Lee Lindsey <RLlindsey@OKPORK.ORG> wrote:

Ms. Hupp –

I write today on behalf of the Oklahoma Pork Council and the Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association to request an appointment to meet with Administrator Pruitt during our legislative fly-ins in April, 2018. The delegations from okPORK and OCA will arrive the afternoon/evening of Tuesday, April 10, and will fly out either late Thursday, April 12, or the morning of Friday, April 13. Ideally we would like to meet with Administrator Pruitt on Thursday morning April 12, but we are flexible in our schedule. We have not started scheduling meetings with our congressional delegation so we could accommodate Administrator Pruitt's schedule.

Topics of discussion would include WOTUS and the CERCLA/EPCRA reporting requirements for large animal facilities.

We would anticipate our group would total 10 people with five from each organization. This could change and we'd be happy to provide you with names and details on who would be attending the meeting.

I was told you are the person to contact to set up this type of meeting. If I've sent this to the wrong person, please let me know who to contact.

I can be reached via email at this address or via phone at 405-232-3781 if you have any questions or need any additional information.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Roy Lee

*Oklahoma's pork producers and the Oklahoma Pork Council  
Creating Opportunities, Caring for the Environment  
Feeding the World, and Committed to Oklahoma*

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## ***Meeting Request Form for Administrator Scott Pruitt***

**Today's Date:**

**Meeting Date:**

**Meeting Time:**

**Requested Location (if offsite, please list address, parking instructions, etc.):**

**Requestor:**

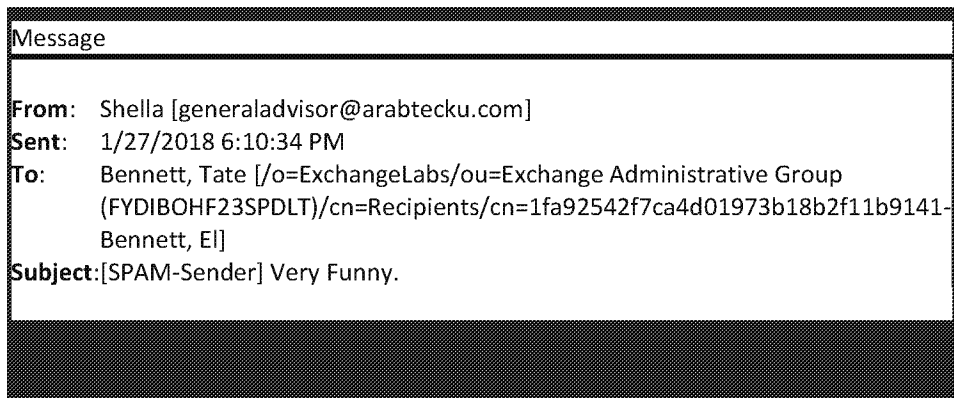
**Purpose of the Meeting:**

**Background on the Meeting:**

**Role of the Administrator:**

**Attendees:**

**Point of Contact:**



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**Subject:** RE: Opportunity to Meet with the Acting Administrator  
**Attachments:** EPA Meeting Request Form - Acting Administrator Wheeler.docx

Hi Jim

Attached is the scheduling form. Thank you.

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**From:** Bennett, Tate  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 31, 2018 2:24 PM  
**To:** Jim Fredericks <jfredericks@pestworld.org>  
**Cc:** Dickerson, Aaron <dickerson.aaron@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Opportunity to Meet with the Acting Administrator

Hi Jim- good to hear from you. Aaron, do you mind sending Jim the scheduling form? We will circle back soon.

On Jul 31, 2018, at 1:57 PM, Jim Fredericks <jfredericks@pestworld.org> wrote:

Dear Tate,

I hope all is well with you. Thanks again for making the time to speak with our members during our conference in March.

Now that Mr. Wheeler has been appointed Acting Administrator, NPMA would like to request a meeting to introduce ourselves and our industry. Would you be able to help arrange a meeting with a few folks from our leadership? We would appreciate the opportunity to communicate our issues and identify ways we can work with the Agency to ensure that pesticides remain available to safely protect public health and property.

Thank you in advance for any assistance you can provide.

Regards,  
Jim

**Jim Fredericks, Ph.D.**

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Carolinas/Mid-Atlantic Summer Conference | July 26-28 | Wrightsville Beach, NC

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**Subject:** RE: Gowan Group of Companies

Thank you Tate –I really appreciate it – we will be as flexible as we can be and really appreciate your help

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**From:** Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 31, 2018 6:11 AM  
**To:** Cindy Smith <csmith@gowanco.com>  
**Cc:** Beck, Nancy <Beck.Nancy@epa.gov>; Gordon, Stephen <gordon.stephen@epa.gov>; Ford, Hayley <ford.hayley@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Gowan Group of Companies

We typically don't advise to plan around his constantly changing schedule! We will circle back.

On Jan 31, 2018, at 9:00 AM, Cindy Smith <csmith@gowanco.com> wrote:

Good morning Tate –I talked with our CEO, Juli Jessen – she could be in DC March 19<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup> if either of those days have any openings for Administrator Pruitt. If those dates don't work – we would make every effort to come when he has availability so please let us know if there are dates you have in mind that might work. Thanks very much. Cindy

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**From:** Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 29, 2018 12:43 PM  
**To:** Cindy Smith <csmith@gowanco.com>  
**Cc:** Beck, Nancy <Beck.Nancy@epa.gov>; Gordon, Stephen <gordon.stephen@epa.gov>; Ford, Hayley <ford.hayley@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Gowan Group of Companies

Hi Nancy! Haven't forgotten you. Unfortunately, he likely will not make it to Yuma before March, but let us know if your CEO happens to be in the D.C. area soon. Also, can you please fill out this external meeting request form in case he does make it out that direction later this year? Thank you!

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**From:** Cindy Smith [mailto:csmith@gowanco.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 25, 2018 10:22 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Beck, Nancy <Beck.Nancy@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Gowan Group of Companies

Hi Tate – I was in a meeting with you and Nancy several months ago on some specific issues related to pesticides and EPA decisions. I have also heard that Administrator Pruitt might be interested in talking directly with CEOs of companies about how EPA actions and policies directly impact our business. Gowan is unique as I believe we may be the only remaining 100% family owned basic registrant of pesticides in the U.S. Our headquarters is in Yuma, Arizona. Our company was started by Jon Jessen about 55 years ago. Today Jon remains active as the Chairman of the Board and his daughter Juli is our CEO. We have businesses that provide crop protection inputs (conventional and organic), seed (primarily vegetables), a pesticide manufacturing facility (in Yuma) and retail operations (Yuma, Imperial Valley and Salinas) with certified pest control advisors that walk fields and make recommendations for

growers. A trip to Yuma would allow the Administrator to see our operations and talk with our CEO but also because this happens to be one of the most active seasons in ag production in Yuma so he could also see those operations. A large percentage of winter vegetables (lettuce, broccoli, cauliflower, etc.) are grown in Yuma. So if you are eating a salad this time of year –the lettuce was very likely grown in Yuma. We would greatly welcome the opportunity for the Administrator to visit Yuma to see agricultural production and to talk with our CEO and other family members directly involved in our businesses. I know Administrator Pruitt is very busy and I am sure he gets lots of requests to visit locations –but if he can work this in to any of his travel plans, we would be honored to showcase our community, the agriculture and our business so he can get some first-hand knowledge of how EPA actions impact a family owned business and a community in rural America. The winter vegetable production will start winding down in March so there is a window of opportunity if it works with his schedule to come to Yuma sometime in the next 6-8 weeks. If that doesn't work we would be happy to come to his office with our CEO and talk with him as well. We really appreciate the consideration for our request and please let me know if you would like any additional information. Thanks Cindy

Cindy Smith  
Agricultural Relations Director  
Gowan

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**To:** Colleen Willard [willard@ncga.com]  
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**Subject:** Re: NCGA Feedback RE: Dicamba

Hello Colleen, we can confirm the call for 12:00-12:30 pm on the 21st. Here is the call in #:

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Thank you for coordinating, and talk to you next week!  
—Hema.

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Hema Subramanian  
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On Aug 15, 2018, at 1:26 PM, Colleen Willard <willard@ncga.com> wrote:

Hi All-

Following up on this so that we can get the info to our growers. Thanks!

Colleen

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**From:** Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 13, 2018 3:01 PM  
**To:** Colleen Willard <willard@ncga.com>  
**Cc:** Nathan Fields <fields@ncga.com>; Subramanian, Hema <Subramanian.Hema@epa.gov>; Bolen, Derrick <bolen.derrick@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: NCGA Feedback RE: Dicamba

Awesome.

Hema and Derrick- can you help work out the details? I think this day/ time still works but defer to y'all.

On Aug 13, 2018, at 1:06 PM, Colleen Willard <willard@ncga.com> wrote:

Hi Tate-

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on dicamba. We have some growers willing and able to get on the phone and the 8/21 12-3 time frame is the best option.

Best,  
Colleen

**Colleen Willard**

Director, Public Policy  
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**From:** Bennett, Tate <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 7, 2018 10:25 AM  
**To:** Colleen Willard <[willard@ncga.com](mailto:willard@ncga.com)>  
**Subject:**

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**Subject:** RE: Arkansas

Will do.

Have a good evening.

**HEATH KNAKMUHS**

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**From:** Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 28, 2018 4:52 PM  
**To:** Knakmuhs, Heath <hknakmuhs@USChamber.com>  
**Subject:** Re: Arkansas

Try when convenient!

On Feb 28, 2018, at 4:51 PM, Knakmuhs, Heath <hknakmuhs@USChamber.com> wrote:

Sure. I will give you a shout between a string of meetings I have tomorrow AM. Unless a particular time tomorrow PM works better for you?

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**Sent:** Wednesday, February 28, 2018 4:48 PM



**To:** Knakmuhs, Heath <hknakmuhs@USChamber.com>

**Subject:** Re: Arkansas

Yes! Can we huddle on this tomorrow? **Ex. 6**

On Feb 28, 2018, at 4:09 PM, Knakmuhs, Heath <hknakmuhs@USChamber.com> wrote:

Hi Tate --

Just circling back on this, as I never heard from you late last week.

I'm in the office the rest of this week, but will be out of the country all of next week.

Best --

Heath

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**Sent:** Thursday, February 22, 2018 5:59 PM

**To:** Knakmuhs, Heath <hknakmuhs@USChamber.com>

**Subject:** Re: Arkansas

Heath! Can I touch base with you on this tomorrow?

On Feb 22, 2018, at 5:38 PM, Knakmuhs, Heath <hknakmuhs@USChamber.com> wrote:

Tate --

It was good seeing you earlier today.

Here is a link to the video I mentioned. Please reach out if you have any questions.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QIXIGI-CSYM>

Best --

Heath

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**Subject:** RE: Request for Kevin Skunes meeting with Administrator Pruitt

Hi Hayley,

We completely understand. Thanks so much for circling back, and I will be sure to reach out the next time Kevin is in town.

Thanks,

Kendra

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**From:** Ford, Hayley [mailto:ford.hayley@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 31, 2018 6:14 PM  
**To:** Kendra Ricks <Ricks@ncga.com>  
**Cc:** Subramanian, Hema <Subramanian.Hema@epa.gov>; Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Request for Kevin Skunes meeting with Administrator Pruitt

Hello Kendra,

I wanted to circle back on this. I'm so sorry, but this week has been crazy and unfortunately it's not going to work out to get them together. Can you let me know the next time Kevin is in town and I'd be happy to try to make it work?

Thank you and apologies this week didn't work.

***Hayley Ford***

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**From:** Kendra Ricks [mailto:Ricks@ncga.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 23, 2018 10:23 AM  
**To:** Ford, Hayley <ford.hayley@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Subramanian, Hema <Subramanian.Hema@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Request for Kevin Skunes meeting with Administrator Pruitt

Hi Hayley,

Thanks so much for the update! I appreciate your efforts, and we can likely take any 15-30 minutes you have Monday-Thursday while he's here, if that helps your efforts at all!

Thanks again!

Kendra

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**From:** Ford, Hayley [<mailto:ford.hayley@epa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 22, 2018 4:43 PM  
**To:** Kendra Ricks <[Ricks@ncga.com](mailto:Ricks@ncga.com)>  
**Cc:** Subramanian, Hema <[Subramanian.Hema@epa.gov](mailto:Subramanian.Hema@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Request for Kevin Skunes meeting with Administrator Pruitt

Hello Kendra,

Thank you for your below request. I wanted to let you know that I'm working on this, but next week is very busy as of now and I don't have 30 minutes on the schedule unfortunately. With his testimony in front of the Senate, SOTU and press around that, as well as the EPA senior executive core in town all week, things are very busy! I'm going to keep this on the list and see if I can find 30 minutes but waiting for a few things to finalize first.

I'll be in touch soon. Thank you!

***Hayley Ford***

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**Sent:** Friday, January 12, 2018 8:25 AM  
**To:** Subramanian, Hema <[Subramanian.Hema@epa.gov](mailto:Subramanian.Hema@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Request for Kevin Skunes meeting with Administrator Pruitt

Good morning Hema,

Happy New Year! I believe that you and Jeff Sands met with Kevin Skunes, NCGA's president, last month as Administrator Pruitt was unavailable. Kevin thought the meeting was very productive, and enjoyed meeting with you. He would, however, still like to meet with Administrator Pruitt if possible. I know you probably don't manage the schedule, but was hoping you would be able to point me to the right person for this scheduling request.

Kevin will be in town the week of January 29, so I was hoping to get him on the Administrator's schedule. The best time for Kevin would be the afternoon of Tuesday, January 30, but he does have some flexibility if another time that week would work better for Administrator Pruitt.

Thank you for your consideration,

Kendra

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**Sent:** 3/6/2018 1:29:59 AM  
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**Subject:** Re: Meeting and Speaking Request in California

Thank you, Hayley.

Yes, please let me know if his schedule opens up that week. Further, we would welcome AA Ross to speak at the event as there will be several high-level policymakers (congress and local) in attendance...

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On Mar 5, 2018, at 1:20 PM, Ford, Hayley <ford.hayley@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Dain,

Thanks for reaching out. Regarding the California speaking engagement, unfortunately, we are not able to bring him out there in May, but I'm happy to send on to Dave Ross who leads our Water office, to see if it works for his schedule. Let me know.

I know you've been trying to set up a meeting for the week of March 19, but we have several high priority items that are popping that week that need his attention and some travel so it's not looking like that will work. I'll let you know if that changes. Alternately, happy to set you up with senior staff to meet with instead.

Thank you!

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Deputy White House Liaison and Personal Aide to the Administrator  
Environmental Protection Agency  
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Phone: 202-564-2022  
Cell: Ex. 6

From: Dain Hansen [mailto:dain.hansen@iapmo.org]  
Sent: Monday, March 5, 2018 10:36 AM  
To: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>; Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>; Ford, Hayley <ford.hayley@epa.gov>  
Cc: Michael Galano <michael.galano@hklaw.com>; rich.gold@hklaw.com  
Subject: Meeting and Speaking Request in California

Hi Ryan, Tate and Hayley,

I hope you are all well!

I wanted to follow up on our earlier emails and discussions regarding scheduling that meeting with Administrator Pruitt (our executives are coming to town the week of March 19). I know we've had challenges with scheduling, but hopefully we can get on the Administrator's schedule that week...

Secondly, per our meeting with Ryan, and in our email exchanges with Tate, I am attaching the Speaking Request Form for Administrator Pruitt to speak at the Emerging Water Technology Symposium in Southern California in Mid-May.

As mentioned in our meetings, should Administrator Pruitt be able to attend, we can also arrange for tours and meetings with the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (one of the most incredible and advanced water treatment facilities in the country), and also a tour of our product testing and certification laboratory where we test and certify 99 percent of all plumbing products in our country. The laboratory is also in Ontario, CA

Should you have any additional questions, or need further information, please let me know.

Thank you, and have a great week.

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Message

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**From:** Knakmuhs, Heath [hknakmuhs@USChamber.com]  
**Sent:** 2/28/2018 9:50:54 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, E]  
**Subject:** RE: Arkansas

Sure. I will give you a shout between a string of meetings I have tomorrow AM. Unless a particular time tomorrow PM works better for you?

**HEATH KNAKMUHS**

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**From:** Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 28, 2018 4:48 PM  
**To:** Knakmuhs, Heath <hknakmuhs@USChamber.com>  
**Subject:** Re: Arkansas

Yes! Can we huddle on this tomorrow? Ex. 6

On Feb 28, 2018, at 4:09 PM, Knakmuhs, Heath <hknakmuhs@USChamber.com> wrote:

Hi Tate –

Just circling back on this, as I never heard from you late last week.

I'm in the office the rest of this week, but will be out of the country all of next week.

Best –

Heath

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**From:** Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 22, 2018 5:59 PM  
**To:** Knakmuhs, Heath <hknakmuhs@USChamber.com>  
**Subject:** Re: Arkansas

Heath! Can I touch base with you on this tomorrow?

On Feb 22, 2018, at 5:38 PM, Knakmuhs, Heath <hknakmuhs@USChamber.com> wrote:

Tate –

It was good seeing you earlier today.

Here is a link to the video I mentioned. Please reach out if you have any questions.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QIXIGI-CSYM>

Best –

Heath

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**From:** Al\_Collins@oxy.com [Al\_Collins@oxy.com]  
**Sent:** 3/5/2018 7:26:30 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]  
**Subject:** RE: Checking in

Tate:

How are you. I just came across this email and of course thought of you. How's your schedule these days?

**Ex. 6**

Al

-----Original Message-----

From: Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]  
Sent: Thursday, December 07, 2017 2:49 PM  
To: Collins, Al <Al\_Collins@oxy.com>  
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: Checking in

Hopefully not the only thing or it will be a rough 2018. I'm here next week as well if you have any availability .

-----Original Message-----

From: Al\_Collins@oxy.com [mailto:Al\_Collins@oxy.com]  
Sent: Thursday, December 7, 2017 2:43 PM  
To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>  
Subject: RE: Checking in

Deal! Maybe after Christmas and that will give me something to look forward to.

-----Original Message-----

From: Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]  
Sent: Thursday, December 07, 2017 2:27 PM  
To: Collins, Al <Al\_Collins@oxy.com>  
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Checking in

You're fine! Lets get coffee soon.

> On Dec 7, 2017, at 2:20 PM, "Al\_Collins@oxy.com" <Al\_Collins@oxy.com> wrote:

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> My direct line is **Ex. 6** Please call and YELL at me if I do not respond quickly next time.  
> Good Grief. Very sorry.

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> Al

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]  
> Sent: Thursday, December 07, 2017 2:05 PM  
> To: Collins, Al <Al\_Collins@oxy.com>  
> Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Checking in

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> No problem! We found him!

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>> On Dec 7, 2017, at 1:49 PM, "Al\_Collins@oxy.com" <Al\_Collins@oxy.com> wrote:

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>> Tate:

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>> Please forgive me for letting this fall through the cracks.

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>> Al

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>> -----Original Message-----

>> From: Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]  
>> Sent: Monday, November 13, 2017 7:40 PM  
>> To: Collins, Al <Al\_Collins@oxy.com>  
>> Subject: [EXTERNAL] Checking in

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>> Hey Al! Hope this finds you well. I was wondering if you by chance have Spencer Abraham's email?

>> <Abraham.Spencer.vcf>





**ADMINISTRATOR SCOTT PRUITT EVENT REQUEST FORM**  
**U.S. Environmental Protection Agency**

<b>Deadline for Acceptance:</b>	<u>15 February 2018</u>
<b>Requesting Individual / Affiliation:</b>	<u>Jim Fredericks, National Pest Management Association</u> <u><a href="https://npmapestworld.org/">https://npmapestworld.org/</a></u>
<b>Event Title:</b>	<u>National Pest Management Association Legislative Day 2018</u>
<b>Event Date:</b>	<u>March 20, 2018</u>
<b>Is the Above Date Flexible:</b>	<u>No</u>
<b>Event Time &amp; Duration:</b>	<u>11:45 – 12:15, March 20, 2018</u>
<b>Type of Event:</b>	<u>NPMA Legislative Day is an opportunity for NPMA members to visit with members of Congress to advocate for the industry. See <a href="http://legislativeday.npmapestworld.org/">http://legislativeday.npmapestworld.org/</a> for more details</u>
<b>Purpose of the Event:</b>	<u>Pest management business owners from across the country will be on Capitol Hill visiting with members of Congress to advocate for NPMA's top issues including Cooperative Federalism and ESA Modernization. One of the features of our Legislative Day activities is the "NPMA Headquarters on the Hill" where our members can stop in for a bite of lunch between 11:00 AM and 2:00 PM.</u>
<b>Role of the Administrator:</b>	<u>Provide verbal remarks to attendees – approx. 10-15 minutes</u>
<b>Requested Presentation Topic, if Speaking Involved:</b>	<u>Cooperative Federalism, Endangered Species MOA</u>
<b>Requested Presentation Format:</b>	<u>Verbal Remarks</u>
<b>Speech/Presentation Duration:</b>	<u>10-15 minutes</u>
<b>Would You Consider a Surrogate:</b>	<u>No</u>
<b>Event Location:</b>	<u>Rayburn House Office Building</u> <u>45 Independence Ave SW</u> <u>Washington, DC 20515</u> <u>Room 2043/2044/2045</u>
<b>Event Audience:</b>	<u>250- 300 structural pest management business owners and executives.</u>
<b>Event Host(s)/Organizer(s):</b>	<u>National Pest Management Association (host and organizer),</u> <u>MGK Insect Control Solutions (reception sponsor)</u>



## ADMINISTRATOR SCOTT PRUITT EVENT REQUEST FORM U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Host(s)' Relationship to EPA:	<i>NPMA represents the interests of pesticide applicators (Structural Pest Management Companies)</i>
Run of Show/ Agenda:	<i>The entire agenda can be found here: <a href="http://legislateday.npmapestworld.org/program/schedule-of-events/">http://legislateday.npmapestworld.org/program/schedule-of-events/</a> NPMA staff will welcome Steve Gullickson, who will introduce the Administrator. No speakers are planned immediately after the Administrator, however we are also soliciting members of congress to address attendees. None are yet confirmed</i>
Is there a Hold Room Available for the Administrator?	<i>Possible, upon request.</i>
Open Press/Closed Press?	<i>Closed to press</i>
Dress Code:	<i>Business</i>
Teleprompter Available:	<i>No</i>
Microphone / Room Setup:	<i>Lectern at front of room, with microphone</i>
Honorable Guests Attending:	<i>Former Rep. Bob Dold Jr.</i>
Notable Federal, State or Local Appointed or Elected officials attending:	<i>NA</i>
Individual Introducing Administrator:	<i>Steve Gullickson, President, MGK Insect Control Solutions</i>
Person to contact for media purposes:	<i>Cindy Mannes, VP Public Affairs, NPMA, <a href="mailto:cmannes@pestworld.org">cmannes@pestworld.org</a>, O: <input type="text" value="Ex. 6"/> C: <input type="text" value="Ex. 6"/></i>
How will you promote this event?	<i>NPMA promotes this annual conference via, online communications (email, social media) to members.</i>
Is this event held Weekly, Monthly, Annually?	<i>Annual - This is the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Legislative Day Conference.</i>
Day of Event Point of Contact:	<i>Jim Fredericks, VP Technical and Regulatory Affairs, National Pest Management Association, <a href="mailto:jfredericks@pestworld.org">jfredericks@pestworld.org</a>, O: <input type="text" value="Ex. 6"/> C: <input type="text" value="Ex. 6"/></i>
Security Contact:	<i>Capitol Police</i>
Suggested Entrance/ Exit to Event Venue:	<i>Confer with Capitol Police for best route.</i>



## ADMINISTRATOR SCOTT PRUITT EVENT REQUEST FORM U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Is the host of the event a registered 501(c)(3),  
(4), or has a 527 Political Action Committee  
(PAC):

NPMA is a 501(c)(6) with a PAC (NPMA Pest PAC)

Will there be a "gift" presented to the  
Administrator? If so, what is the US  
currency value of the gift?

No gift.

Will a meal be provided, if so what is the US  
currency value?

No.

*Please return this completed form to Hayley Ford at [ford.hayley@epa.gov](mailto:ford.hayley@epa.gov)*

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**From:** Jake Plevelich [jplevelich@pestworld.org]  
**Sent:** 3/2/2018 6:41:40 PM  
**To:** Jake Plevelich [jplevelich@pestworld.org]  
**Subject:** 2018 NPMA Legislative Day Invitation and Complimentary Registration



**March 2, 2018**

**Re: 2018 NPMA Legislative Day Invitation and Complimentary Registration**

Dear Valued Partner,

It is with great pleasure that I formally invite you to the **2018 NPMA Legislative Day on March 18-20, 2018, at the Capital Hilton in Washington, D.C.**

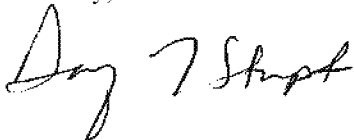
As a valued partner and leader in your field, I would like to provide you with a complimentary registration to our three-day event. NPMA Legislative Day is a chance for pest management professionals, policymakers, and government officials from every level to engage and work together on the most pressing legislative and regulatory issues. When we learn from people like you, it allows us to become better protectors of public health and property. We hope by attending, you can learn something from our family of pest management professionals.

Over 400 leaders from the pest management industry look forward to connecting, networking and brainstorming solutions with you. Additionally, we welcome you to listen to our keynote speakers this year, including Former White House Press Secretary to President Barack Obama, Josh Earnest, as he pairs up with former Senior Advisor and Deputy Chief of Staff to President George W. Bush, Karl Rove; Jason Chaffetz, Former Congressman (R-UT) and *FOX News* Contributor; Corey Lewandowski, former Manager of Donald Trump's 2016 Presidential Campaign; and Congressman Rodney Davis (R-IL).

I hope you are able to accept this invitation and I look forward to hearing from you. Please R.S.V.P by contacting [jplevelich@pestworld.org](mailto:jplevelich@pestworld.org), so we can reserve your spot. To register and learn more about 2018 NPMA Legislative Day please visit: <http://legislativeday.npmapestworld.org/>.

Thank you for being such a valued partner.

Sincerely,



Dominique M. Stumpf CMP, CAE  
Chief Executive Officer  
National Pest Management Association

**Jake Plevelich**

Manager of Public Policy  
National Pest Management Association  
10460 North Street Fairfax, VA 22030

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[jplevelich@pestworld.org](mailto:jplevelich@pestworld.org)



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[Legislative Day](#) | March 18-20 | Washington DC  
[Academy](#) | July 18-20 | Palm Beach Gardens, FL

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Message

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**From:** Leah Pilconis [pilconisl@agc.org]  
**Sent:** 3/5/2018 6:42:18 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, E]  
**Subject:** RE: Signed pictures from AGC Leadership Conference on 9/26/17

Yes, of course. Can you talk at 2 or 2:30?

**Leah F. Pilconis**

*Senior Environmental Counsel*

*AGC of America*

Direct: **Ex. 6** pilconisl@agc.org

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**From:** Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 5, 2018 1:24 PM  
**To:** Leah Pilconis <pilconisl@agc.org>  
**Subject:** RE: Signed pictures from AGC Leadership Conference on 9/26/17

Hey Leah! Do you have time to give me a call today? **Ex. 6**

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**From:** Leah Pilconis [mailto:pilconisl@agc.org]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 18, 2017 9:55 AM  
**To:** Gordon, Stephen <gordon.stephen@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>; Christi Beatty <christi.beatty@agc.org>; Stephen Sandherr <sandhers@agc.org>  
**Subject:** RE: Signed pictures from AGC Leadership Conference on 9/26/17

Good morning. Thank you!

There are 2 AGC chapter executives in the photo:

Douglas Tapp, exec for the AGC of Oklahoma Building Chapter – Oklahoma City  
Rick Moore, exec for the Oklahoma Municipal Contractors Assn – Oklahoma City

Please mail a signed pic to each of these AGC Chapters (if there are more than 2 signed photos, please divide btw the 2 envelopes and Mr. Tapp and Mr. Moore can distribute to the other individuals in the picture).

Douglas J. Tapp  
Executive Director  
AGC of Oklahoma Building Chapter  
605 NW 13th Street #A  
Oklahoma City, OK 73103-2213

Rick J. Moore  
Executive Director  
Oklahoma Municipal Contractors Assn  
1684 SW 86th Street #D (73159)  
PO Box 891797  
Oklahoma City, OK 73189-1797

Thanks again! Please let me know if you need anything else.

Leah

**Leah F. Pilconis**

*Senior Environmental Counsel*

*AGC of America*

Direct: Ex. 6 | [pilconisl@agc.org](mailto:pilconisl@agc.org)

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**From:** Gordon, Stephen [<mailto:gordon.stephen@epa.gov>]

**Sent:** Wednesday, October 18, 2017 9:41 AM

**To:** Leah Pilconis <[pilconisl@agc.org](mailto:pilconisl@agc.org)>

**Subject:** Signed pictures from AGC Leadership Conference on 9/26/17

Leah,

Hope all is well! I have a few photographs signed by Administrator Pruitt that he took with the gentlemen at the front table from Oklahoma.

Would it be easier for me to send them over to you and you could send them out? Or would you be able to provide me with their contact information, and I could send them out?

Thanks so much!

Regards,  
Stephen

Stephen L. Gordon Jr.  
Deputy Director for Public Engagement  
Office of the Administrator  
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(202) 564-1301  
[Gordon.Stephen@epa.gov](mailto:Gordon.Stephen@epa.gov)

Message

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**From:** Cindy Smith [csmith@gowanco.com]  
**Sent:** 3/2/2018 5:55:00 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, E]  
**CC:** Ford, Hayley [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=4748a9029cf74453a20ee8ac9527830c-Ford, Hayle]; Gordon, Stephen [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=7c8fb4d82bff4eec98f5c5d00a47f554-Gordon, Ste]  
**Subject:** Re: Gowan Group of Companies

Thanks Tate - have a great weekend

On Mar 2, 2018, at 10:48 AM, Bennett, Tate <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)> wrote:

Hi Cindy- Unfortunately the Admin will be unable to meet that day. Keep us posted on your next trip to DC and we will let you know when we plan to be in AZ next.

On Feb 21, 2018, at 5:15 AM, Cindy Smith <[csmith@gowanco.com](mailto:csmith@gowanco.com)> wrote:

Hayley –I met with my CEO today. She will be in DC on Monday, March 19<sup>th</sup>. Would it be possible to arrange a meeting that day? I know this far in advance you can't commit to a specific time but please let us know if the Administrator will at least be potentially available that day and she will confirm her travel. Thanks Cindy

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**From:** Ford, Hayley [<mailto:ford.hayley@epa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 15, 2018 2:39 PM  
**To:** Cindy Smith <[csmith@gowanco.com](mailto:csmith@gowanco.com)>  
**Cc:** Beck, Nancy <[Beck.Nancy@epa.gov](mailto:Beck.Nancy@epa.gov)>; Gordon, Stephen <[gordon.stephen@epa.gov](mailto:gordon.stephen@epa.gov)>; Bennett, Tate <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Gowan Group of Companies

Hi Cindy,

Thank you for being patient with us on this! As Tate mentioned, the Administrator's schedule changes so frequently, so we would hate for your CEO to schedule a trip to DC and then us have to cancel last minute. Let's do this – if your CEO happens to have already scheduled trips to DC coming up, please let us know those dates or when you schedule those and we could put a hold on the calendar for then and as it gets closer, try to finalize. At the same time, we may have some upcoming trips out West and it may make more sense for you to meet us close to Yuma instead. Tate and I will be in touch as those trips progress.

Thank you and we hope to make it work!

***Hayley Ford***

Deputy White House Liaison and Personal Aide to the Administrator  
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**From:** Bennett, Tate  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 31, 2018 9:11 AM  
**To:** [csmith@gowanco.com](mailto:csmith@gowanco.com)  
**Cc:** Beck, Nancy <[Beck.Nancy@epa.gov](mailto:Beck.Nancy@epa.gov)>; Gordon, Stephen <[gordon.stephen@epa.gov](mailto:gordon.stephen@epa.gov)>; Ford, Hayley <[ford.hayley@epa.gov](mailto:ford.hayley@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Gowan Group of Companies

We typically don't advise to plan around his constantly changing schedule! We will circle back.

On Jan 31, 2018, at 9:00 AM, Cindy Smith <[csmith@gowanco.com](mailto:csmith@gowanco.com)> wrote:

Good morning Tate –I talked with our CEO, Juli Jessen – she could be in DC March 19<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup> if either of those days have any openings for Administrator Pruitt. If those dates don't work – we would make every effort to come when he has availability so please let us know if there are dates you have in mind that might work. Thanks very much. Cindy

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**From:** Bennett, Tate [<mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 29, 2018 12:43 PM  
**To:** Cindy Smith <[csmith@gowanco.com](mailto:csmith@gowanco.com)>  
**Cc:** Beck, Nancy <[Beck.Nancy@epa.gov](mailto:Beck.Nancy@epa.gov)>; Gordon, Stephen <[gordon.stephen@epa.gov](mailto:gordon.stephen@epa.gov)>; Ford, Hayley <[ford.hayley@epa.gov](mailto:ford.hayley@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Gowan Group of Companies

Hi Nancy! Haven't forgotten you. Unfortunately, he likely will not make it to Yuma before March, but let us know if your CEO happens to be in the D.C. area soon. Also, can you please fill out this external meeting request form in case he does make it out that direction later this year? Thank you!

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**From:** Cindy Smith [<mailto:csmith@gowanco.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 25, 2018 10:22 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Beck, Nancy <[Beck.Nancy@epa.gov](mailto:Beck.Nancy@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Gowan Group of Companies

Hi Tate – I was in a meeting with you and Nancy several months ago on some specific issues related to pesticides and EPA decisions. I have also heard that Administrator Pruitt might be interested in talking directly with CEOs of companies about how EPA actions and policies directly impact our business. Gowan is unique as I believe we may be the only remaining 100% family owned basic registrant of pesticides in the U.S. Our headquarters is in Yuma, Arizona. Our company was started by Jon Jessen about 55 years ago. Today Jon remains active as the Chairman of the Board and his daughter Juli is our CEO. We have businesses that provide crop protection inputs (conventional and organic), seed (primarily vegetables), a pesticide manufacturing facility (in Yuma) and retail operations (Yuma, Imperial Valley and Salinas) with certified pest control advisors that walk fields and make recommendations for growers. A trip to Yuma would allow the Administrator to see our operations and talk with our CEO but also

because this happens to be one of the most active seasons in ag production in Yuma so he could also see those operations. A large percentage of winter vegetables (lettuce, broccoli, cauliflower, etc.) are grown in Yuma. So if you are eating a salad this time of year –the lettuce was very likely grown in Yuma. We would greatly welcome the opportunity for the Administrator to visit Yuma to see agricultural production and to talk with our CEO and other family members directly involved in our businesses. I know Administrator Pruitt is very busy and I am sure he gets lots of requests to visit locations –but if he can work this in to any of his travel plans, we would be honored to showcase our community, the agriculture and our business so he can get some first-hand knowledge of how EPA actions impact a family owned business and a community in rural America. The winter vegetable production will start winding down in March so there is a window of opportunity if it works with his schedule to come to Yuma sometime in the next 6-8 weeks. If that doesn't work we would be happy to come to his office with our CEO and talk with him as well. We really appreciate the consideration for our request and please let me know if you would like any additional information. Thanks Cindy

Cindy Smith  
Agricultural Relations Director  
Gowan

**From:** Leah Pilconis [pilconisl@agc.org]  
**Sent:** 3/5/2018 10:48:03 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, E]  
**CC:** Jimmy Christianson [christiansonj@agc.org]  
**Subject:** AGC of America - Infrastructure / USACE Areas Need Improvement

Tate –

Thanks again for asking AGC for input. Please let me know if you have any questions or would like additional information. Have a great evening!

Take care,

Leah

From the Associated General Contractors of America – following are four (4) top areas within the Army Corps' program that need to be improved, in order to speed up the delivery of critical infrastructure work ...

1. **CONCURRENTLY PROCESS RHA 408 AND CWA 404:** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) should concurrently process the River and Harbors Act (RHA) Section 408 permission and the Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 404 permit on all infrastructure projects, where both are applicable.
  - **Problem:** Construction projects are being delayed because of Section 408 burdens. The Corps will not even begin to process many CWA Section 404 Nationwide and individual permits until the 408 permission is granted. This means that delay on the RHA Section 408 side puts off the CWA Section 404 review process and further delays construction. And, many of the reviews required under RHA Section 408 may be reviewed, yet again, under the CWA Section 404 process.
2. **LIMIT JOINT ADMINISTRATION OF 404 PROGRAM:** Congress should grant the Corps greater authority to run the CWA 404 permit program – see **NOTE #1** for a detailed description of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) role in the 404 program.
  - **Problem:** Currently, project proponents face inconsistencies and uncertainty because of their overarching fear that they will not be able to rely on Jurisdictional Determinations (JDs) and Section 404 permits received from the Corps. What is more, they face the continuing question whether EPA will also get involved in the permit process or disagree with the Corps' decision-making *after* the permit is duly issued, and relied upon by the project proponents.

[NOTE 1 - The Corps has responsibility for running the day-to-day permitting under Section 404 of the CWA. In its supporting role, EPA develops and interprets environmental criteria for evaluating permit applications; has final authority to determine the scope of geographic jurisdiction; approves and oversees state assumption; identifies activities that are exempt from permitting; reviews and comments on individual permits; has authority to prohibit, deny or restrict the use of any defined area as a disposal site (CWA Section 404(c)); can elevate specific proposed Corps permits (CWA Section 404(q)); and enforces Section 404 provisions. In addition, EPA and the Corps are standing members of the mitigation banking Interagency Review Teams (IRT), an interagency group of federal, tribal, state, and/or local regulatory and resource agency representatives that reviews documentation for, and advises the district engineer on, the establishment and management of a mitigation bank or an in-lieu fee programs.]

3. **INCENTIVIZE PROJECT COMPLETION:** Congress must separate project funds from Corps salaries and provide incentives for Corps staff to meet and exceed project delivery benchmarks.
  - **Problem:** Corps project staff salaries are currently paid through project funds. When the project ends, so too may Corps staff employment (or at a minimum, they may have to move to the next Corps'

project in a less desirable location). As a result, there is little incentive for these Corps employees to deliver a project on time and on budget, let alone underbudget and ahead of schedule.

**4. IMPROVE CHANGE MANAGEMENT: Mandate the Corps electronically record and track change order data on their projects and report such information on an annual basis to Congress. Data should be maintained noting: (1) when the need for a change order was recorded either by the contractor or USACE; (2) when any change order proposals are presented, rejected and accepted; (3) initiation and completion of work on the change order; and (4) time of final payment for the work completed on the change order. As it stands, there is little to no accountability for change order management at the project field level.**

- **Problem:** Construction projects are subject to a wide array of variables that may require USACE to alter its initial plans through a change order. Consequently, reasonable delays and changes may be required to meet conditions on the ground. The concern is not with reasonable delays and changes to the initial contract. Rather, the problem rests with USACE failing to execute change orders and make payment to contractors for months—and even years—at a time. Unsurprisingly, this delay causes serious harm to the project schedule and has a deleterious impact upon payment to the prime and subcontractors, especially small businesses, which depend upon that cash flow to remain in business. (See page 60 of [this USACE Contract Administration Document](#) to see a chart that epitomizes the problem with USACE project delivery and this issue).

**Leah F. Pilconis**

***Senior Counsel, Environmental Law & Policy***

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Message

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**From:** Cindy Smith [csmith@gowanco.com]  
**Sent:** 2/8/2018 5:50:12 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, E]  
**Subject:** RE: Gowan Group of Companies

Thanks very much Tate --I will circle back with you next week

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**From:** Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 08, 2018 9:49 AM  
**To:** Cindy Smith <csmith@gowanco.com>  
**Subject:** RE: Gowan Group of Companies

Hi Cindy! Unfortunately, we do not have an update yet and are not sure if the Administrator will be in town on those dates. We may be able to accommodate a meeting with senior level staff if that is something your CEO would be interested in. Otherwise, please circle back next week. Thanks! Tate

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**From:** Cindy Smith [mailto:csmith@gowanco.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 8, 2018 10:13 AM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Gowan Group of Companies

Tate -- sorry to bother you on this again. I fully understand we can't plan on his constantly changing schedule. Because we aren't based in DC but worse on the west coast we simply can't get there quickly. My CEO has to lock in some travel plans for other trips. Is there any way to know that Administrator Pruitt would be in the office for sure on a certain day in March or April due to other meetings and we would then just plan to be in DC that day and as we get closer we can set the time on the particular day? I know that is very hard to do but I was hoping there might be some events for which you might be pretty confident he would be in town we might be able to get 30 min with him. Thanks very much. Cindy

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**From:** Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 31, 2018 6:11 AM  
**To:** Cindy Smith <csmith@gowanco.com>  
**Cc:** Beck, Nancy <Beck.Nancy@epa.gov>; Gordon, Stephen <gordon.stephen@epa.gov>; Ford, Hayley <ford.hayley@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Gowan Group of Companies

We typically don't advise to plan around his constantly changing schedule! We will circle back.

On Jan 31, 2018, at 9:00 AM, Cindy Smith <csmith@gowanco.com> wrote:

Good morning Tate --I talked with our CEO, Juli Jessen -- she could be in DC March 19<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup> if either of those days have any openings for Administrator Pruitt. If those dates don't work -- we would make every effort to come when he has availability so please let us know if there are dates you have in mind that might work. Thanks very much. Cindy

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**From:** Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 29, 2018 12:43 PM  
**To:** Cindy Smith <csmith@gowanco.com>  
**Cc:** Beck, Nancy <Beck.Nancy@epa.gov>; Gordon, Stephen <gordon.stephen@epa.gov>; Ford, Hayley



<[ford.hayley@epa.gov](mailto:ford.hayley@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: Gowan Group of Companies

Hi Nancy! Haven't forgotten you. Unfortunately, he likely will not make it to Yuma before March, but let us know if your CEO happens to be in the D.C. area soon. Also, can you please fill out this external meeting request form in case he does make it out that direction later this year? Thank you!

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**From:** Cindy Smith [<mailto:csmith@gowanco.com>]

**Sent:** Thursday, January 25, 2018 10:22 PM

**To:** Bennett, Tate <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)>

**Cc:** Beck, Nancy <[Beck.Nancy@epa.gov](mailto:Beck.Nancy@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** Gowan Group of Companies

Hi Tate – I was in a meeting with you and Nancy several months ago on some specific issues related to pesticides and EPA decisions. I have also heard that Administrator Pruitt might be interested in talking directly with CEOs of companies about how EPA actions and policies directly impact our business. Gowan is unique as I believe we may be the only remaining 100% family owned basic registrant of pesticides in the U.S. Our headquarters is in Yuma, Arizona. Our company was started by Jon Jessen about 55 years ago. Today Jon remains active as the Chairman of the Board and his daughter Juli is our CEO. We have businesses that provide crop protection inputs (conventional and organic), seed (primarily vegetables), a pesticide manufacturing facility (in Yuma) and retail operations (Yuma, Imperial Valley and Salinas) with certified pest control advisors that walk fields and make recommendations for growers. A trip to Yuma would allow the Administrator to see our operations and talk with our CEO but also because this happens to be one of the most active seasons in ag production in Yuma so he could also see those operations. A large percentage of winter vegetables (lettuce, broccoli, cauliflower, etc.) are grown in Yuma. So if you are eating a salad this time of year –the lettuce was very likely grown in Yuma. We would greatly welcome the opportunity for the Administrator to visit Yuma to see agricultural production and to talk with our CEO and other family members directly involved in our businesses. I know Administrator Pruitt is very busy and I am sure he gets lots of requests to visit locations –but if he can work this in to any of his travel plans, we would be honored to showcase our community, the agriculture and our business so he can get some first-hand knowledge of how EPA actions impact a family owned business and a community in rural America. The winter vegetable production will start winding down in March so there is a window of opportunity if it works with his schedule to come to Yuma sometime in the next 6-8 weeks. If that doesn't work we would be happy to come to his office with our CEO and talk with him as well. We really appreciate the consideration for our request and please let me know if you would like any additional information. Thanks Cindy

Cindy Smith  
Agricultural Relations Director  
Gowan

Message

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**From:** Ford, Hayley [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=4748A9029CF74453A20EE8AC9527830C-FORD, HAYLE]  
**Sent:** 2/9/2018 9:42:16 PM  
**To:** Jim Fredericks [jfredericks@pestworld.org]; Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]  
**CC:** Andrew Architect [aarchitect@pestworld.org]; Andrew Bray [abray@pestworld.org]  
**Subject:** RE: Invitation for Administrator Pruitt

Hi Jim,

Thank you so much for this invitation and being patient as we look at the calendar. Unfortunately, we are not going to be able to make this event work with his schedule that day. I understand that you would likely not want us to send a surrogate as a featured speaker, but if you would like us to send someone from EPA to attend and mingle with your members, I'd be happy to send to a few folks who are involved with ESA Modernization.

Thank you again for extending the invitation and I apologize that we can't make this work. I hope the event is a success!

*Hayley Ford*

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**From:** Jim Fredericks [mailto:jfredericks@pestworld.org]  
**Sent:** Friday, February 2, 2018 11:03 AM  
**To:** Ford, Hayley <[ford.hayley@epa.gov](mailto:ford.hayley@epa.gov)>; Bennett, Tate <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Andrew Architect <[aarchitect@pestworld.org](mailto:aarchitect@pestworld.org)>; Andrew Bray <[abray@pestworld.org](mailto:abray@pestworld.org)>; Hupp, Millan <[hupp.millan@epa.gov](mailto:hupp.millan@epa.gov)>; Kunding, Kelly <[kunding.kelly@epa.gov](mailto:kunding.kelly@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Invitation for Administrator Pruitt

Hayley,

Thanks for the fast response. I have attached the completed request form. Please let me know if we can provide any additional information.

We appreciate your consideration and hope that the Administrator can make the event!

-Jim

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**From:** Ford, Hayley [mailto:[ford.hayley@epa.gov](mailto:ford.hayley@epa.gov)]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 1, 2018 4:14 PM  
**To:** Jim Fredericks <[jfredericks@pestworld.org](mailto:jfredericks@pestworld.org)>; Bennett, Tate <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Andrew Architect <[aarchitect@pestworld.org](mailto:aarchitect@pestworld.org)>; Andrew Bray <[abray@pestworld.org](mailto:abray@pestworld.org)>; Hupp, Millan <[hupp.millan@epa.gov](mailto:hupp.millan@epa.gov)>; Kunding, Kelly <[kunding.kelly@epa.gov](mailto:kunding.kelly@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Invitation for Administrator Pruitt

Hi Jim,

Thank you for the invitation! See the form attached that Tate was referencing. If you'd like to complete and send back to us, we'll be in touch soon regarding this request.

Thanks!

**Hayley Ford**

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**From:** Jim Fredericks [<mailto:jfredericks@pestworld.org>]

**Sent:** Thursday, February 1, 2018 3:41 PM

**To:** Bennett, Tate <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)>

**Cc:** Andrew Architect <[aarchitect@pestworld.org](mailto:aarchitect@pestworld.org)>; Andrew Bray <[abrav@pestworld.org](mailto:abrav@pestworld.org)>; Hupp, Millan <[hupp.millan@epa.gov](mailto:hupp.millan@epa.gov)>; Ford, Hayley <[ford.hayley@epa.gov](mailto:ford.hayley@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: Invitation for Administrator Pruitt

Thanks for the help.

Hayley – Please let me know what you need from us.

Regards,

Jim

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**From:** Bennett, Tate [<mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>]

**Sent:** Thursday, February 1, 2018 3:39 PM

**To:** Jim Fredericks <[jfredericks@pestworld.org](mailto:jfredericks@pestworld.org)>

**Cc:** Andrew Architect <[aarchitect@pestworld.org](mailto:aarchitect@pestworld.org)>; Andrew Bray <[abrav@pestworld.org](mailto:abrav@pestworld.org)>; Hupp, Millan <[hupp.millan@epa.gov](mailto:hupp.millan@epa.gov)>; Ford, Hayley <[ford.hayley@epa.gov](mailto:ford.hayley@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** Re: Invitation for Administrator Pruitt

Hi there- copying Hayley Ford in scheduling and who may be helpful in getting you our external scheduling request form.

On Feb 1, 2018, at 2:57 PM, Jim Fredericks <[jfredericks@pestworld.org](mailto:jfredericks@pestworld.org)> wrote:

Tate,

We had the opportunity to hear Administrator Pruitt speak yesterday at the NASDA conference and were very happy to learn about the recent Memorandum of Agreement between EPA, and the Departments of Interior and Commerce regarding the establishment of a working group to improve the ESA consultation process for pesticide registration. As you may know, two of NPMA's biggest issues are ESA Modernization and Cooperative Federalism with regard to the regulation of pesticides. On March 20<sup>th</sup>, approximately 400 NPMA members (pest management business owners and executives) from across the country will be on Capitol Hill visiting with members of Congress to advocate for these issues. One of the features of our Legislative Day activities is the "NPMA Headquarters on the Hill" where our members can stop in for a bite of lunch between 11:00 AM and 2:00 PM. We always like to have a featured speaker during the event (last year it was Senator Rubio), and in light of Administrator Pruitt's announcement of the MOA yesterday, we wanted to extend an invitation for him to deliver some brief comments to our members during the event.

I wanted to reach out to you first, what is the best channel to deliver this invitation?

Thanks in advance,

Jim

**Jim Fredericks, Ph.D.**

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Southern Regional Conference | February 5-7 | Memphis, TN  
Legislative Day | March 18-20 | Washington DC  
Academy | July 18-20 | Palm Beach Gardens, FL

Message

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**From:** Kunding, Kelly [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=E3C9A5D16E2244079E222F342BF9992F-KUNDINGER,]  
**Sent:** 3/12/2018 7:17:45 PM  
**To:** Ann Chapman [achapman@noia.org]  
**CC:** Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]; Daniell, Kelsi [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=cd867173479344b3bda202b3004ff830-Daniell, Ke]  
**Subject:** RE: NOIA Annual Meeting April 11-13

Ann –

Thank you for taking the time to talk with me on Friday. I want to follow up on our conversation to confirm Administrator Pruitt's attendance as a guest speaker during your general session on Thursday, April 12<sup>th</sup>.

If you plan to promote his attendance on any medium, we kindly ask that you send it to us for review before distributing.

I look forward to working with you as we prepare for this event.

Best,

Kelly

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**From:** Ann Chapman [mailto:achapman@noia.org]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 5, 2018 2:07 PM  
**To:** Kunding, Kelly <kunding.kelly@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: NOIA Annual Meeting April 11-13

Kelly

Yes

Best number: Ex. 6

Thank you

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**From:** Kunding, Kelly [mailto:kunding.kelly@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 05, 2018 2:06 PM  
**To:** Ann Chapman  
**Subject:** Re: NOIA Annual Meeting April 11-13

Thank you, Ann. Is your main line included in your signature the best number to reach you?

On Mar 5, 2018, at 12:57 PM, Ann Chapman <[achapman@noia.org](mailto:achapman@noia.org)> wrote:

Hi Kelly  
That works for me  
Many thanks

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**From:** Kunding, Kelly [<mailto:kunding.kelly@epa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 05, 2018 1:55 PM  
**To:** Ann Chapman  
**Cc:** Randall Luthi  
**Subject:** Re: NOIA Annual Meeting April 11-13

Hi Ann -

Thank you for the quick turn around. Are you available for a phone call at 11:00am EST on Thursday to discuss your event further?

I look forward to talking with you.

Best,

Kelly

On Mar 2, 2018, at 10:17 AM, Ann Chapman <[achapman@noia.org](mailto:achapman@noia.org)> wrote:

Hi Kelly  
Attached is the completed form you requested  
Should you have additional questions please let me know

Best regards

Ann Chapman  
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NOIA  
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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Ann Chapman <achapman@noia.org>  
**Date:** January 11, 2018 at 2:17:55 PM EST  
**To:** "ford.hayley@epa.gov" <ford.hayley@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Fwd: NOIA Annual Meeting April 11-13

**Subject: NOIA Annual Meeting April 11-13**

Good Afternoon Hayley  
Attached is the form you requested in regards  
to Administrator Pruitt addressing the NOIA  
membership.  
I have also attached last years attendance list along  
with the program.  
Should you have additional questions, please let me  
know.

Best regards

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**From:** Ford, Hayley [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=4748A9029CF74453A20EE8AC9527830C-FORD, HAYLE]  
**Sent:** 1/31/2018 11:14:20 PM  
**To:** Kendra Ricks [Ricks@ncga.com]  
**CC:** Subramanian, Hema [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=65e089600e8b4724a2e85997849bd208-Subramanian, Hema]; Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]  
**Subject:** RE: Request for Kevin Skunes meeting with Administrator Pruitt

Hello Kendra,

I wanted to circle back on this. I'm so sorry, but this week has been crazy and unfortunately it's not going to work out to get them together. Can you let me know the next time Kevin is in town and I'd be happy to try to make it work?

Thank you and apologies this week didn't work.

*Hayley Ford*

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**From:** Kendra Ricks [mailto:Ricks@ncga.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 23, 2018 10:23 AM  
**To:** Ford, Hayley <[ford.hayley@epa.gov](mailto:ford.hayley@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Subramanian, Hema <[Subramanian.Hema@epa.gov](mailto:Subramanian.Hema@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Request for Kevin Skunes meeting with Administrator Pruitt

Hi Hayley,

Thanks so much for the update! I appreciate your efforts, and we can likely take any 15-30 minutes you have Monday-Thursday while he's here, if that helps your efforts at all!

Thanks again!

Kendra

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**From:** Ford, Hayley [mailto:[ford.hayley@epa.gov](mailto:ford.hayley@epa.gov)]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 22, 2018 4:43 PM  
**To:** Kendra Ricks <[Ricks@ncga.com](mailto:Ricks@ncga.com)>  
**Cc:** Subramanian, Hema <[Subramanian.Hema@epa.gov](mailto:Subramanian.Hema@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Request for Kevin Skunes meeting with Administrator Pruitt

Hello Kendra,

Thank you for your below request. I wanted to let you know that I'm working on this, but next week is very busy as of now and I don't have 30 minutes on the schedule unfortunately. With his testimony in front of the Senate, SOTU and



press around that, as well as the EPA senior executive core in town all week, things are very busy! I'm going to keep this on the list and see if I can find 30 minutes but waiting for a few things to finalize first.

I'll be in touch soon. Thank you!

**Hayley Ford**

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**From:** Kendra Ricks [<mailto:Ricks@ncga.com>]

**Sent:** Friday, January 12, 2018 8:25 AM

**To:** Subramanian, Hema <[Subramanian.Hema@epa.gov](mailto:Subramanian.Hema@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** Request for Kevin Skunes meeting with Administrator Pruitt

Good morning Hema,

Happy New Year! I believe that you and Jeff Sands met with Kevin Skunes, NCGA's president, last month as Administrator Pruitt was unavailable. Kevin thought the meeting was very productive, and enjoyed meeting with you. He would, however, still like to meet with Administrator Pruitt if possible. I know you probably don't manage the schedule, but was hoping you would be able to point me to the right person for this scheduling request.

Kevin will be in town the week of January 29, so I was hoping to get him on the Administrator's schedule. The best time for Kevin would be the afternoon of Tuesday, January 30, but he does have some flexibility if another time that week would work better for Administrator Pruitt.

Thank you for your consideration,

Kendra

Kendra Keller Ricks  
National Corn Growers Association

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**From:** Dain Hansen [dain.hansen@iapmo.org]  
**Sent:** 3/5/2018 3:36:29 PM  
**To:** Jackson, Ryan [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=38bc8e18791a47d88a279db2fec8bd60-Jackson, Ry]; Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]; Ford, Hayley [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=4748a9029cf74453a20ee8ac9527830c-Ford, Hayle]  
**CC:** Michael Galano [michael.galano@hklaw.com]; rich.gold@hklaw.com  
**Subject:** Meeting and Speaking Request in California  
**Attachments:** EPA Administrator Pruitt Speaker Request Form\_IAPMO.docx

Hi Ryan, Tate and Hayley,

I hope you are all well!

I wanted to follow up on our earlier emails and discussions regarding scheduling that meeting with Administrator Pruitt (our executives are coming to town the week of March 19). I know we've had challenges with scheduling, but hopefully we can get on the Administrator's schedule that week...

Secondly, per our meeting with Ryan, and in our email exchanges with Tate, I am attaching the Speaking Request Form for Administrator Pruitt to speak at the Emerging Water Technology Symposium in Southern California in Mid-May.

As mentioned in our meetings, should Administrator Pruitt be able to attend, we can also arrange for tours and meetings with the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (one of the most incredible and advanced water treatment facilities in the country), and also a tour of our product testing and certification laboratory where we test and certify 99 percent of all plumbing products in our country. The laboratory is also in Ontario, CA

Should you have any additional questions, or need further information, please let me know.

Thank you, and have a great week.

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Washington, D.C. 20001

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**ADMINISTRATOR SCOTT PRUITT EVENT REQUEST FORM**  
**U.S. Environmental Protection Agency**

**Deadline for Acceptance:** March 21, 2017

**Requesting Individual / Affiliation:** Dain Hansen, The LAPMO Group

**Event Title:** Emerging Water Technology Symposium (EWTS)

**Event Date:** May 15 & 16, 2017 (Main Keynote normally occurs on 16<sup>th</sup>)

**Is the Above Date Flexible:** No

**Event Time & Duration:** 8:00 am-5:00 pm on both days

**Type of Event:** Conference

**Purpose of the Event:** At the EWTA attendees learn about emerging products and installation practices and witness the exchange of views on new trends in the industry—from international experts. Participants can hear ideas and approaches about emerging technologies coming to market; learn about innovative water concepts; view presentations and energetic panel discussions; and engage in timely discussions on how the water utility, manufacturing, engineering and trade industries have found solutions through emerging technologies in the water-efficiency, plumbing and mechanical industries

**Role of the Administrator:** Keynote

**Requested Presentation Topic, if Speaking Involved:** EPA's work on water issues and support for emerging technologies

**Requested Presentation Format:** Keynote

**Speech/Presentation Duration:** Flexible

**Would You Consider a Surrogate:** Yes—other senior political appointee

**Event Location:** Doubletree Hotel and Convention Center, 222 N Vineyard Ave, Ontario, CA 91764

**Event Audience:** Approximately 200+

**Event Host(s)/Organizer(s):** The American Society of Plumbing Engineers (ASPE), the Alliance for Water Efficiency (AWE), the International Association of



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*Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (IAPMO), and Plumbing Manufacturers International (PMI), in cooperation with the World Plumbing Council (WPC)*

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**Host(s)' Relationship to EPA:** *Longstanding EPA partner, stakeholder on all demand-side water initiatives, and convened events with past EPA Administrators.*

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**Run of Show/ Agenda:** *[http://www.iapmo.org/Documents/EWTS\\_Registration\\_Brochure.pdf](http://www.iapmo.org/Documents/EWTS_Registration_Brochure.pdf)  
Full agenda is being developed, but likely a breakout session will occur after keynote.*

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**Is there a Hold Room Available for the Administrator?** *Yes*

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**Open Press/Closed Press?** *Open*

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**Dress Code:** *Business*

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**Teleprompter Available:** *If requested*

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**Microphone / Room Setup:** *Podium microphone (lapel mic, if desired) on stage with theater seating*

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**Honorable Guests Attending:** *US Reps (to be confirmed), local government official (to be confirmed)*

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**Notable Federal, State or Local Appointed or Elected officials attending:** *Federal and state policymakers, and C-level executives from manufacturers, trade associations etc...*

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**Individual Introducing Administrator:** *TBD*

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**Person to contact for media purposes:** *Duane Huisken, Sr. VP of Marketing at IAPMO* **Ex. 6**

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**Is this event held Weekly, Monthly, Annually?** *Every two years*

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**Day of Event Point of Contact:** *Dain Hansen, cell* **Ex. 6**

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**Security Contact:** *Hotel /Conference Center head of security (details provided later)*

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**Suggested Entrance/ Exit to Event Venue:** *NW Corner of conference center (corner of N. Vineyard Ave. and E Convention Way)*

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**Is the host of the event a registered 501(c)(3), (4), or has a 527 Political Action Committee (PAC):** *Two are (c)3, and a (c)6—none have a 527*

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## ADMINISTRATOR SCOTT PRUITT EVENT REQUEST FORM U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Will there be a "gift" presented to the Administrator? If so, what is the US currency value of the gift?

Likely a plaque—approximate value \$30

Will a meal be provided, if so what is the US currency value?

Lunches provided for all conference attendees (under \$20)

*Please return this completed form to Hayley Ford at [ford.hayley@epa.gov](mailto:ford.hayley@epa.gov)*

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Message

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**Sent:** 2/22/2018 11:00:03 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, E]  
**Subject:** RE: Arkansas

Yes. I'll be working remotely tomorrow, so call my cell.

Have a good evening.

**HEATH KNAKMUHS**

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QJXiGI-CSYM>

Best –

Heath

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**Subject:** RE: Invitation to Speak At NPMA Legislative Day March 19, 2018

Tate,  
Happy to talk through logistics. We have a hard copy mailer that lists you as "invited" that is already at the mail house. That goes to NPMA members only.  
We can definitely remove your name from anything online if you would prefer that.  
My cell is Ex. 6  
Jim

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**From:** Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 8, 2018 7:07 AM  
**To:** Jim Fredericks <jfredericks@pestworld.org>  
**Cc:** Gordon, Stephen <gordon.stephen@epa.gov>; Tanner, Lee <Tanner.Lee@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Invitation to Speak At NPMA Legislative Day March 19, 2018

May I give you a call this AM to with a few more logistical ?'s? If there is a way you could not list my name on the agenda or promotional materials, it would be much appreciated.

On Jan 6, 2018, at 7:28 AM, Jim Fredericks <jfredericks@pestworld.org> wrote:

Tate, that's great news. Thanks for agreeing to be involved. We will provide some additional information as we draw closer to the date.  
Let me know if anyone else from your team is interested in attending and we will ensure they are registered for the meeting.

Thanks!  
Jim

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**From:** Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 5, 2018 1:49 PM  
**To:** Jim Fredericks <jfredericks@pestworld.org>  
**Cc:** Gordon, Stephen <gordon.stephen@epa.gov>; Tanner, Lee <Tanner.Lee@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Invitation to Speak At NPMA Legislative Day March 19, 2018

Thank you. I'd be happy to participate. Just keep me posted should things change as the date gets closer! Much appreciated.

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**From:** Jim Fredericks [mailto:jfredericks@pestworld.org]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 3, 2018 12:53 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Invitation to Speak At NPMA Legislative Day March 19, 2018

Tate,  
We would love to have you participate. We do not issue press passes for our events, though the public can register (albeit at non-member rates).  
Looking forward to hearing from you.



Jim

----- Original message -----

From: "Bennett, Tate" <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)>

Date: 1/3/18 11:24 AM (GMT-05:00)

To: Jim Fredericks <[jfredericks@pestworld.org](mailto:jfredericks@pestworld.org)>

Subject: RE: Invitation to Speak At NPMA Legislative Day March 19, 2018

Hi Jim-

I'm honored to receive this invitation. Let me double check with our ethics official and get back to you. I am currently free that morning.

One quick question- is it open to the press?

Will circle back soon. Stay warm!

Tate

Elizabeth Tate Bennett  
Associate Administrator for Public Engagement & Environmental Education  
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**From:** Jim Fredericks [<mailto:jfredericks@pestworld.org>]

**Sent:** Wednesday, January 3, 2018 10:04 AM

**To:** Bennett, Tate <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** Invitation to Speak At NPMA Legislative Day March 19, 2018

Dear Tate,

Thanks again for taking the time to meet with the NPMA team and our members in December. I hope you enjoyed the holiday season.

As we mentioned during our meeting, the National Pest Management Association is holding its annual Legislative Day Meeting on March 19, 2018. This conference typically draws about 400 owners and executives from pest management firms nationwide and will be held at the Capital Hilton, in Washington DC. It is designed to provide an opportunity for our members to meet directly with members of congress to speak about issues which concern their businesses. One of the topics that we are interested in learning more about is how Federal regulatory reform efforts will impact the structural pest management industry.

I am writing to invite you to participate in a panel discussion on March 19<sup>th</sup> from 9:15-10:15 AM, titled:

***The Impact of Pesticide Regulatory Reform on Structural Pest Management Industry***

*In March 2017, EPA Administrator Pruitt issued a memorandum establishing the EPA Regulatory Reform Task Force in response to President Trump's Executive Order 13771: Enforcing the Regulatory Reform Agenda, which is designed to reduce the regulatory burdens agencies place*

*on the American people. Since then, EPA has held public meetings and invited written and verbal comment from stakeholders who are directly impacted. Concurrently, NPMA has begun working on its Pesticide Regulatory Reform Agenda focusing on overcoming challenges that directly impact the pest management industry. In this session, learn what EPA and Industry are doing to work together to find solutions.*

We are also inviting Ray Starling, and Rick Keigwin. Thanks and I look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience,

-Jim

**Jim Fredericks, Ph.D.**

Vice President, Technical and Regulatory Affairs, National Pest Management Association  
Executive Director, Pest Management Foundation  
10460 North Street Fairfax, VA 22030

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Eastern Regional Conference | January 17-19 | Mashantucket, CT

Wildlife Expo | January 30-February 1 | New Orleans, LA

Southern Regional Conference | February 5-7 | Memphis, TN

## Contact

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**Full Name:** Abraham, Spencer

**Last Name:** Abraham

**First Name:** Spencer

**E-mail:** sabraham@abrahamgroupllc.com



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January 4, 2018

The Honorable Scott Pruitt  
Administrator – Environmental Protection Agency  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20460

VIA EMAIL: [Pruitt.scott@epa.gov](mailto:Pruitt.scott@epa.gov)

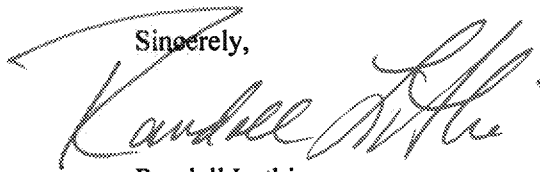
Dear Administrator Pruitt:

On behalf of the approximately 250 member companies of the National Ocean Industries Association (NOIA), I invite you to address our assembled members during our 2018 Annual Meeting from April 11-13, 2018 at the Ritz-Carlton in Washington, DC.

Energy development and environmental protection are key to the U.S. maintaining and strengthening its role as a world leader. Our offshore energy resources are vital to the economic and energy health of our nation. Your insight from the first year on the job would be fascinating to our members.

NOIA is the only national trade association representing all segments of the offshore energy industry. The NOIA membership comprises companies engaged in activities ranging from producing to drilling, engineering to marine and air transport, offshore construction to equipment manufacture and supply, and telecommunications to finance and insurance. NOIA meetings are the only national events bringing together leaders from all segments of the United States' vital offshore oil and natural gas exploration and production industry, as well as the growing offshore renewable energy industry. More than 150 senior executives and corporate officials with an unparalleled perspective on energy issues are expected to attend the event.

We appreciate your prompt response as we have reserved a general session for your presentation. Please have your scheduler contact Ann Chapman at ( Ex. 6 ) or [achapman@noia.org](mailto:achapman@noia.org) to finalize the arrangements for this opportunity. Thank you for considering our request.

Sincerely,  
  
Randall Luthi  
President

cc: Troy Lyons

Message

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**From:** Reed, H J [H.J.Reed@p66.com]  
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**Subject:** Automatic reply: EPA Seeks Input from State Partners on Lead and Copper Rule

**Automated Response**

**I am out of the office most of the week of December 11-15, 2017  
Susan is also out of the office this week**

**I will try to respond to your email in between meetings.**

**Thank you!**

**H.J.**

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**Sent:** 2/28/2018 9:09:38 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, E]  
**Subject:** RE: Arkansas

Hi Tate --

Just circling back on this, as I never heard from you late last week.

I'm in the office the rest of this week, but will be out of the country all of next week.

Best --

Heath

**HEATH KNAKMUHS**

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**Subject:** Automatic reply: FYI this just went out

Thank you for contacting the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. As of November 30, Bill Kovacs is no longer with the Chamber. Please contact Amy Weaver at [AWeaver@uschamber.com](mailto:AWeaver@uschamber.com) for assistance.



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**From:** Lizzy Mullins [lmullins@pestworld.org]  
**Sent:** 2/28/2018 7:37:00 PM  
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**Subject:** Speaker agreement  
**Attachments:** Speaker Agreement - Bennett.docx

Hi Tate,

Attached is the speaker agreement for the upcoming 2018 Legislative Day for you to review and fill out. Can you please send it back along with your speaker bio, speaker headshot, and other required information listed within the agreement? Let me know if you have any questions and look forward to seeing you in a few weeks.

Thank you,

***Lizzy***

Elizabeth Mullins, CMP  
Meetings & Exhibits Coordinator

Main: Ex. 6  
[lmullins@pestworld.org](mailto:lmullins@pestworld.org)



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## PRESENTATION SERVICES AGREEMENT

**Event Name and Date:** 2018 Legislative Day – March 18 - 20, 2018

**Hotel Information:** Capital Hilton - 1001 16th St NW, Washington, DC 20036 – **Ex. 6**

*Please verify your name and company information is correctly displayed below or provide any missing information.*

**Speaker:** Tate Bennett

**Company:** OPEEE

**Session Title:** The Impact of Pesticide Regulatory Reform on Structural Pest Management Industry

**Date and Time:** Monday, March 19 - 9:15 am -10:15 am

*PLEASE NOTE: NPMA requests that speakers do not sell or promote products or services during the presentation.*

**Exchange of Services:** In exchange for your service and full participation, NPMA is pleased to provide:

- One Complimentary Full Registration - NPMA staff will ensure you are registered for the 2018 Legislative Day.

### **Hotel Arrangements: Due by Friday, March 2, 2018**

It is the **SPEAKER'S RESPONSIBILITY** to make their hotel reservations at the Capital Hilton, DC. Please provide NPMA with your arrival and departure dates along with your confirmation number provided by the hotel. **Please Initial Here:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Arrive:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Depart:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Confirmation#** \_\_\_\_\_

### **Speaker Presentations and Audio/Visual Requirements: Due by Friday, March 9, 2018**

For your presentation, NPMA will provide the following equipment in each meeting room:

- ◆ Lavalier microphone
- ◆ Podium and microphone
- ◆ Laptop and data projector

Please bring your presentation on a thumb drive / memory stick, compatible with Microsoft Office Professional 2003 and Windows XP Professional. NOTE: Our systems are not MAC compatible so please plan accordingly.

Please note any additional A/V requirements: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Presentation Posting and Audio Release:**

As part of the conference educational materials the materials that you deliver may be made available to conference participants on the NPMA website. By agreeing to this term, you consent to the duplicating and distribution of the material(s) that you deliver to this conference. This in no way inhibits you from using your own materials in any manner you so desire. Presentations will be posted on the NPMA website in a PDF format.

#### **Please Initial below:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I give my permission to allow NPMA to post a copy of my presentation on the NPMA website

\_\_\_\_\_ No, I will not allow NPMA to post a copy of my presentation on the NPMA website

# LEGISLATIVE DAY

MARCH 18-20, 2018 CAPITAL HILTON WASHINGTON, D.C.



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## Deadlines at a

## Glance:

Due by Friday, March 9, 2018

- ☐ Signed Speaker Presentation Agreement
- ☐ Biographical Sketch (200 words or less)
- ☐ Headshot/picture of speaker

Due by Friday, March 2, 2018

- ☐ Hotel Information to NPMA

Due by Friday, March 9, 2018

- ☐ Speaker Presentation and Audio/Visual Requirements

## Acceptance of Agreement

In witness whereof, the parties accept the services and fees described and have signed this Agreement as of the date shown below.

Speaker Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please email or fax your completed form to Lizzy Mullins at:

National Pest Management Association  
10460 North Street ♦ Fairfax, VA 22030

**Ex. 6** ♦ 703-352-3031 (fax)  
lmullins@pestworld.org

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**Subject:** Automatic reply: \$3 M in funding now available for locally-focused environmental education grants

I will be out of the office until Jan. 22. If you need to reach someone at the FoxNews.com politics desk, please contact Barnini Chakraborty at barnini.chakraborty@foxnews.com or Joseph Weber at joseph.weber@foxnews.com or Alex Pappas at alex.pappas@foxnews.com. Thank you

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**Subject:** Undeliverable: CERCLA-EPCRA Update  
**Attachments:** CERCLA-EPCRA Update

### Your message

**To:** Bennett, Tate  
**CC:** Gordon, Stephen  
**Subject:** CERCLA-EPCRA Update  
**Sent:** 11/28/2017 8:57:12 PM



Your message to leanna.mcnally@okfb.org couldn't be delivered.

leanna.mcnally wasn't found at okfb.org, or the mailbox is unavailable.

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## How to Fix It

The email address might be misspelled or it might not exist. Try one or more of the following:

- **Retype the recipient's address, then resend the message** - If you're using Outlook, open this non-delivery report message and click **Send Again** from the menu or ribbon. In Outlook on the web, select this message, and then click the "**To send this message again, click here.**" link located just above the message preview window. In the To or Cc line, delete and then retype the entire recipient's address (ignore any address suggestions). After typing the complete address, click **Send** to resend the message. If you're using an email program other than Outlook or Outlook on the web, follow its standard way for resending a message. Just be sure to delete and retype the recipient's entire address before resending it.
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- **Contact the recipient by some other means**, (by phone, for example) to confirm you're using the right address. Ask them if they've set up an email forwarding rule that could be forwarding your message to an incorrect address.

If the problem continues, forward this message to your email admin. If you're an email admin, refer to the **More Info for Email Admins** section below.

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## More Info for Email Admins

Status code: 550 5.1.351

When Office 365 tried to send the message, the external email server returned an error stating that the recipient is unknown or the mailbox is unavailable. This error was reported by an email server outside Office 365.

**If you or the sender can't fix the problem, contact the responsible party's email admin** - Give them the error code and error message from this non-delivery report (NDR) to help them troubleshoot the issue. To determine who the responsible party might be, check the error for information about where the problem is happening. For example, look for a domain name like contoso.com. A domain name in the error might suggest who is responsible for the error. It could be the recipient's email server, or it could be a third-party service that your organization or the recipient's organization is using to process or filter email messages.

Although the sender might be able to fix the issue by correcting the recipient address, it's likely that only the recipient's email admin can fix the problem. Unfortunately, it's unlikely Office 365 Support will be able to help with these kinds of externally reported errors.

### Original Message Details

Created Date: 11/28/2017 8:57:12 PM  
 Sender Address: Bennett.Tate@epa.gov  
 Recipient Address: leanna.mcnally@okfb.org  
 Subject: CERCLA-EPCRA Update

### Error Details

Reported error: 550 5.1.351 Remote server returned unknown recipient or mailbox unavailable -> 550 Invalid Recipient - <https://community.mimecast.com/docs/DOC-1369#550>  
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### Message Hops

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Message

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**Subject:** CERCLA-EPCRA Update

Good afternoon,

No policy changes to announce, but rather just wanted to share our press release which just went out this afternoon on the deadline extension. Please see below.

-Tate

Elizabeth Tate Bennett  
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## **DC Circuit Court Grants Trump EPA Request to Extend Deadline for Farmers to Report Emissions from Livestock Operations**

**WASHINGTON** (November 28, 2017) — On Wednesday, November 22, 2017, in response to a request from the Trump Administration EPA, the DC Circuit Court of Appeals effectively extended the deadline for farmers to report air releases of hazardous substances from animal waste at livestock operations until January 22, 2018. The decision postponed the effective date of the Court's April 2017 decision vacating an EPA rule that exempted these farms from certain statutory reporting obligations.

"EPA is committed to providing America's farmers and ranchers - people committed to conserving the land and

the environment- the clarity needed in meeting their reporting obligations required by law,” said **EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt**.

Under the Trump Administration, EPA sought this additional time in order to provide compliance assistance to farmers, update its guidance, and develop a more-streamlined reporting form. With the Court’s decision, farmers are not required to report emissions from animal waste at these facilities until after the Court issues its mandate, expected no sooner than January 22, 2018.

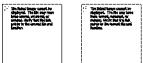
**Background:**

On April 11, 2017, the DC Circuit Court vacated an EPA rule finalized on December 18, 2008, that exempted most farms from certain release reporting requirements in two statutes, the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) and the Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act (EPCRA).

In response to a request from the Trump Administration EPA, the DC Circuit Court extended the effective date of its decision to vacate the 2008 rule to November 15, 2017. In response to a second request from the current administration EPA, the DC Circuit Court further extended that date to January 22, 2018. As such, farmers now do not need to report emissions under CERCLA until January 22, 2018 at the earliest when the D.C. Circuit Court is expected to issue its mandate.

EPA has prepared guidance that includes links to resources that farmers can consider when calculating emissions for specific species of livestock.

To view EPA’s guidance and Frequently Asked Questions on reporting air emissions from animal waste: <https://www.epa.gov/epcra/cercla-and-epcra-reporting-requirements-air-releases-hazardous-substances-animal-waste-farms>



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**From:** Bennett, Tate  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 22, 2017 7:56 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** CERCLA-EPCRA Update

All-

As you may have seen, earlier today, the DC Circuit Court of Appeals granted EPA’s motion to **further stay the mandate** of its decision vacating EPA's 2008 rule exempting farms from CERCLA and EPCRA emissions reporting requirements **until January 22, 2018**. More information can be found on EPA’s website [here](#).

Happy Thanksgiving Eve.  
Tate

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Message

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**From:** Reed, H J [H.J.Reed@p66.com]  
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**Subject:** Automatic reply: U.S. Senate Confirms Susan Bodine to Lead EPA Enforcement Office

**Automated Response**

I am out of the office Wednesday/Thursday/Friday (12/6-8/2017).

If this is an emergency, please contact Susan Swyden at Susan.Swyden@P66.com or Ex. 6.

H.J.

Message

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**From:** Sandy Bourne [sbourne@georgeallen.com]  
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**Subject:** Re: Thanks

Please express my gratitude to Administrator Pruitt and to each of you for your time and effort for a very productive discussion.

Sincerely,

Sandy

**Sandy Liddy Bourne**  
General Manager  
George Allen Strategies, LLC  
717 Princess Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314

**Ex. 6**

sbourne@georgeallen.com

On Wed, Dec 6, 2017 at 6:17 PM, Bennett, Tate <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)> wrote:

All-

Administrator Pruitt asked me to thank each of you for hosting him this evening. I will reach out to some of you individually on some follow-up items, but wanted to make sure everyone had our contact information.

Have a wonderful evening and talk soon.

Tate

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Message

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**From:** Bowman, Liz [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=C3D4D94D3E4B4B1F80904056703EBC80-BOWMAN, ELI]  
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**Subject:** Re: INVITE: Surrogate Roundtable w/Pruitt

Thank you, Rob. Happy Holidays

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 9, 2017, at 9:04 AM, Engstrom, Rob <REngstrom@USChamber.com> wrote:

Many thx Liz for the invite, appreciate it. I'm probably not the best person but can get our energy exec if that works for you. Hope alls well. Rob

On Dec 7, 2017, at 12:36 PM, Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Rob - Below, please find an invitation we hope you received from the director of surrogate operations at the White House, Kelly Sadler, inviting you to an "end of the year" roundtable discussion with EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt. We hope you can make it and participate in the discussion. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Liz Bowman, on behalf of EPA Administrator Pruitt

Ex. 6

Bowman.Liz@epa.gov

Good morning.

We will be conducting an end-of-the year Roundtable with **EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt on Thursday, December 14 at 10:30 am in the White House Roosevelt Room**. The Administrator will highlight what he considers the agency's greatest achievements this year, what he's done to "drain the swamp" and spur U.S. energy dominance. Additionally, he'll be setting the priorities for the agency going into the New Year and open the floor to your questions.

To register for the event, please fill out the WAVES link below. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible. I'll be sending a reminder email next week.

Ex. 6



Best,  
Kelly

Message

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**Subject:** CERCLA-EPCRA Update

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**From:** Christian Richter [crichter@thepolicygroup.com]  
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**Subject:** Re: URGENT: The latest info on CERCLA/EPCRA reporting requirements for farms

Thanks, Tate.

Just finished call with OGC re the DC Circuit extension and latest concerns and possible solutions.

Will be back in touch.

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**From:** Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 9, 2017 2:02:52 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate  
**Subject:** Fwd: URGENT: The latest info on CERCLA/EPCRA reporting requirements for farms

FYI we will move to a email process for reporting requirements. The latest below.

Begin forwarded message:

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**Cc:** "Clark, Becki" <Clark.Beki@epa.gov>, "Salo, Earl" <Salo.Earl@epa.gov>, "Swenson, Erik" <Swenson.Erik@epa.gov>, "Brooks, Becky" <Brooks.Becky@epa.gov>, "Taylor, Trish" <Taylor.Trish@epa.gov>, "Cogliano, Gerain" <Cogliano.Gerain@epa.gov>, "Noggle, William" <Noggle.William@epa.gov>, "Jacob, Sicy" <Jacob.Sicy@epa.gov>, "Hostage, Barbara" <Hostage.Barbara@epa.gov>, "Hull, George" <Hull.George@epa.gov>, "Principe, Vanessa" <Principe.Vanessa@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** **URGENT: The latest info on CERCLA/EPCRA reporting requirements for farms**

I want to provide the latest information on our efforts to assist farmers to comply with CERCLA/EPCRA reporting requirements. As you are aware, we recently provided a [website](#) for farmers who, on November 15<sup>th</sup>, may have to report their air releases from animal waste on their farms. This website provides guidance for farmers on how to estimate their releases from animal waste and how to report those releases if they meet or exceed the reportable quantity for that release. Prior to and since the release of this guidance, we have been working closely with the Ag community (including Ag Trade Association, Regional/State Ag Advisors, etc.), to make them aware of this guidance, get feedback, and identify issues.

Several issues that have arisen relate to the initial notification to the National Response Center (NRC). First, there is the potential for the NRC to be overwhelmed with calls on November 15<sup>th</sup> due to the number of farm owners/operators that will need to

report. Second, some farm owners/operators have begun reporting to the NRC. The automated system the NRC uses to ensure release notifications get to the appropriate Federal, State, and local response officials, has resulted in some State and local officials calling the farm owners/operators to get more information about the release they reported and what response is needed. In order to resolve these issues, we (OEM and OGC) have been working with the NRC program officials and attorneys, and have identified the following solution:

- The NRC will establish an email notification system so farm owners/operators can email their continuous release reports to the NRC rather than calling the NRC 800 number. Farmers who have multiple farms can list the name and location of all farms, as well as the associated name(s) of hazardous substance(s) released, in one e-mail.
- Once the email is received by the NRC email notification system, it will generate an automatic response e-mail with a generic identification number (CR-ERNS) for the farm. The farm owner/operator will place that CR-ERNS number on the follow-up written notification report that is required to be submitted to EPA Regional Office within 30 days.
- Additionally, the NRC will email the farm owner/operator's continuous release notification to the EPA who will organize the notification in a spreadsheet and make that information available to the EPA Regional offices. This will alleviate inundating the EPA Regional office with continuous release reports.

The initial notification by e-mail, rather than by telephone, will help to avoid expected long hold delays, telephone system "crashes," and related inconveniences when reporting for farmers starts on November 15, 2017. EPA and the NRC consider the use of e-mail in this instance as complying with the immediate notification requirement of CERCLA section 103.

We are working to have this system in place by Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> or sooner if possible. We will be revising have updated our website and guidance to communicate this streamlined reporting option for farmers:

*"Due to the potential for large call volumes to the National Response Center (NRC), we are establishing an email option for initial continuous release notifications. The system should be available by November 15, 2017. Farm owners/operators should consider using the email option once it is available. This expedited option will allow one email notification for owners/operators with multiple farms."*

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Thanks

Reggie Cheatham, Director  
Office of Emergency Management

202/564-8003(w) **Ex. 6**  
cheatham.reggie @epa.gov

Doris Williams, Executive Assistant  
202/564-0053

## Delivery Report

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**Subject:** Undeliverable: 2015 WOTUS Extension  
**Attachments:** 2015 WOTUS Extension

### Your message

**To:** Bennett, Tate  
**CC:** Sands, Jeffrey; Gordon, Stephen  
**Subject:** 2015 WOTUS Extension  
**Sent:** 11/6/2017 12:38:34 AM



Your message to leanna.mcnally@okfb.org couldn't be delivered.

leanna.mcnally wasn't found at okfb.org, or the mailbox is unavailable.

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## How to Fix It

The email address might be misspelled or it might not exist. Try one or more of the following:

- **Retype the recipient's address, then resend the message** - If you're using Outlook, open this non-delivery report message and click **Send Again** from the menu or ribbon. In Outlook on the web, select this message, and then click the "**To send this message again, click here.**" link located just above the message preview window. In the To or Cc line, delete and then retype the entire recipient's address (ignore any address suggestions). After typing the complete address, click **Send** to resend the message. If you're using an email program other than Outlook or Outlook on the web, follow its standard way for resending a message. Just be sure to delete and retype the recipient's entire address before resending it.
- **Remove the recipient from the recipient Auto-Complete List, then resend the message** - If you're using Outlook or Outlook on the web, follow the steps in the "Remove the recipient from the recipient Auto-Complete List" section of [this article](#). Then resend the message. Be sure to delete and retype the recipient's entire address before clicking **Send**.

- **Contact the recipient by some other means**, (by phone, for example) to confirm you're using the right address. Ask them if they've set up an email forwarding rule that could be forwarding your message to an incorrect address.

If the problem continues, forward this message to your email admin. If you're an email admin, refer to the **More Info for Email Admins** section below.

*Was this helpful? [Send feedback to Microsoft](#).*

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## More Info for Email Admins

Status code: 550 5.1.351

When Office 365 tried to send the message, the external email server returned an error stating that the recipient is unknown or the mailbox is unavailable. This error was reported by an email server outside Office 365.

**If you or the sender can't fix the problem, contact the responsible party's email admin** - Give them the error code and error message from this non-delivery report (NDR) to help them troubleshoot the issue. To determine who the responsible party might be, check the error for information about where the problem is happening. For example, look for a domain name like contoso.com. A domain name in the error might suggest who is responsible for the error. It could be the recipient's email server, or it could be a third-party service that your organization or the recipient's organization is using to process or filter email messages.

Although the sender might be able to fix the issue by correcting the recipient address, it's likely that only the recipient's email admin can fix the problem. Unfortunately, it's unlikely Office 365 Support will be able to help with these kinds of externally reported errors.

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Recipient Address: leanna.mcnally@okfb.org  
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To: "Bennett, Tate" <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>

CC: "Sands, Jeffrey" <sands.jeffrey@epa.gov>, "Gordon, Stephen" <gordon.stephen@epa.gov>

Subject: 2015 WOTUS Extension

Thread-Topic: 2015 WOTUS Extension

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Message

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**CC:** Sands, Jeffrey [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=b2aa28629ade4afb8d5ec12a8aaaba54-Sands, Jeff]; Gordon, Stephen [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=7c8fb4d82bff4eec98f5c5d00a47f554-Gordon, Ste]  
**Subject:** 2015 WOTUS Extension

Good evening. Given your interest in this issue, I wanted to provide you with a quick update.

In order to provide regulatory certainty, EPA and the Department of the Army have sent a proposed rule to the Office of Management and Budget for interagency review that would amend the effective date associated with the 2015 Clean Water Rule to give the agencies time to consider the two-step process proposing to rescind and revise the 2015 rule.

**Background**

The 2015 rule, which redefined the scope of where the Clean Water Act applies, had an effective date of August 28, 2015. Implementation of the 2015 rule is currently on hold as a result of the Sixth Circuit's nationwide stay of the rule. The 2015 rule is also stayed in 13 states due to a District of North Dakota court ruling. EPA and the Army are taking this action to provide certainty and consistency to the regulated community. Once the interagency review is complete, EPA will issue the proposal for public review and comment. More information: <https://www.epa.gov/wotus-rule>

Let us know if you have any questions.

Tate

Tate Bennett  
Associate Administrator for Public Engagement  
Office of the Administrator  
US EPA

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**From:** Colleen Willard [willard@ncga.com]  
**Sent:** 8/13/2018 6:06:25 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]  
**CC:** Nathan Fields [fields@ncga.com]  
**Subject:** NCGA Feedback RE: Dicamba

Hi Tate-

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on dicamba. We have some growers willing and able to get on the phone and the 8/21 12-3 time frame is the best option.

Best,  
Colleen

**Colleen Willard**  
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Washington, DC 20001  
**Ex. 6** Direct  
[willard@ncga.com](mailto:willard@ncga.com)

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**From:** Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 7, 2018 10:25 AM  
**To:** Colleen Willard <willard@ncga.com>  
**Subject:**

8/21: 12-3pm  
8/22: 3-5pm

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**From:** Gordon, Stephen [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=7C8FB4D82BFF4EEC98F5C5D00A47F554-GORDON, STE]  
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**Subject:** RE: Signed pictures from AGC Leadership Conference on 9/26/17

Fantastic, thank you very much Leah!

I will send the pictures out this week. Have a great day.

-Stephen

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**From:** Leah Pilconis [mailto:pilconisl@agc.org]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 18, 2017 9:55 AM  
**To:** Gordon, Stephen <gordon.stephen@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>; Christi Beatty <christi.beatty@agc.org>; Stephen Sandherr <sandhers@agc.org>  
**Subject:** RE: Signed pictures from AGC Leadership Conference on 9/26/17

Good morning. Thank you!

There are 2 AGC chapter executives in the photo:

Douglas Tapp, exec for the AGC of Oklahoma Building Chapter – Oklahoma City  
Rick Moore, exec for the Oklahoma Municipal Contractors Assn – Oklahoma City

Please mail a signed pic to each of these AGC Chapters (if there are more than 2 signed photos, please divide btw the 2 envelopes and Mr. Tapp and Mr. Moore can distribute to the other individuals in the picture).

Douglas J. Tapp  
Executive Director  
AGC of Oklahoma Building Chapter  
605 NW 13th Street #A  
Oklahoma City, OK 73103-2213

Rick J. Moore  
Executive Director  
Oklahoma Municipal Contractors Assn  
1684 SW 86th Street #D (73159)  
PO Box 891797  
Oklahoma City, OK 73189-1797

Thanks again! Please let me know if you need anything else.

Leah

Leah F. Pilconis

*Senior Environmental Counsel*

*AGC of America*

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**From:** Gordon, Stephen [<mailto:gordon.stephen@epa.gov>]

**Sent:** Wednesday, October 18, 2017 9:41 AM

**To:** Leah Pilconis <[pilconisl@agc.org](mailto:pilconisl@agc.org)>

**Subject:** Signed pictures from AGC Leadership Conference on 9/26/17

Leah,

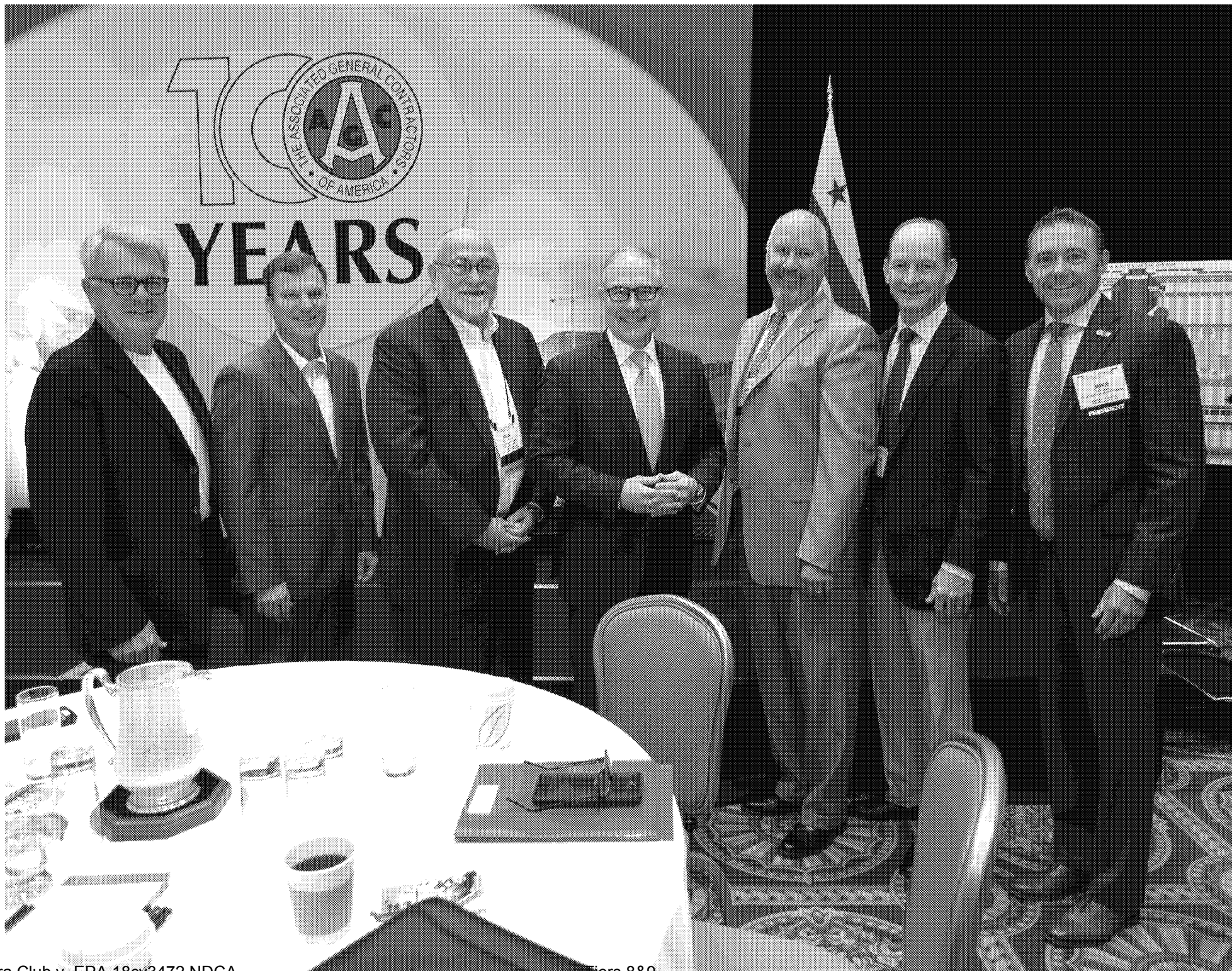
Hope all is well! I have a few photographs signed by Administrator Pruitt that he took with the gentlemen at the front table from Oklahoma.

Would it be easier for me to send them over to you and you could send them out? Or would you be able to provide me with their contact information, and I could send them out?

Thanks so much!

Regards,  
Stephen

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**From:** Leah Pilconis [pilconisl@agc.org]  
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**To:** Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, E]  
**Subject:** Automatic reply: Update on 2015 WOTUS

Thank you for your email. I am currently out of the office with limited access to email. If you need immediate assistance, please contact AGC's Crystal Yates at [yatesc@agc.org](mailto:yatesc@agc.org). I will return on Monday, Nov. 13.

Leah F. Pilconis  
Senior Counsel, Environmental Law & Policy  
The Associated General Contractors of America -- 2300 Wilson Blvd., Suite 300 Arlington, VA 22201  
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**From:** Leah Pilconis [pilconisl@agc.org]  
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**Subject:** RE: EMBARGOED UNTIL TODAY @ 11:30 AM: ADMINISTRATOR PRUITT ISSUES DIRECTIVE TO END EPA "SUE & SETTLE"

Tate-

It's still OK for USEPA to use the AGC quote below!

Brian/Nahee – Please "reply to all" and let Tate know if you (AGC) posts its Sue & Settle press release online and/or Tweets about it. Thanks.

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Here is an AGC quote for you to use in EPA's press statement tomorrow re: Sue and Settle.

"It is encouraging to see the administration announce that it will no longer surrender to litigious groups abusing the legal process to impose new, unworkable burdens on the business community," said Stephen E. Sandherr, the chief executive officer of the Associated General Contractors of America. "By putting an end to back room agreements, the administrator is making sure that all affected parties have an opportunity to contribute to the discussion about measures needed to protect our environment."

**Leah F. Pilconis**

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**From:** Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]  
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**Subject:** RE: EMBARGOED UNTIL TODAY @ 11:30 AM: ADMINISTRATOR PRUITT ISSUES DIRECTIVE TO END EPA "SUE & SETTLE"

If you guys do anything online that we can link to, can you let me know/ sent it to me? Tweet, whatever? I know our comms folks would appreciate it!

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**From:** Leah Pilconis [mailto:pilconisl@agc.org]  
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**To:** Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: EMBARGOED UNTIL TODAY @ 11:30 AM: ADMINISTRATOR PRUITT ISSUES DIRECTIVE TO END EPA "SUE & SETTLE"

Thanks, I'll pass this along.

**Leah F. Pilconis**

*Senior Environmental Counsel*



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**From:** Bennett, Tate [<mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>]

**Sent:** Monday, October 16, 2017 10:34 AM

**To:** Bennett, Tate <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** EMBARGOED UNTIL TODAY @ 11:30 AM: ADMINISTRATOR PRUITT ISSUES DIRECTIVE TO END EPA "SUE & SETTLE"

Good Morning!

Please see below an embargoed announcement (until 11:30 AM) for today regarding a signed directive from Administrator Pruitt to the agency to end the previous Administration's practice of so-called "Sue & Settle." Let me know if you have any questions and please flag any statements your office may release on this matter.

-Tate

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## **ADMINISTRATOR PRUITT ISSUES DIRECTIVE TO END EPA "SUE & SETTLE"**

"The days of regulation through litigation are over," – EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt

WASHINGTON – In fulfilling his promise to end the practice of regulation through litigation that has harmed the American public, EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt issued an Agency-wide directive today designed to end "sue and settle" practices within the Agency, providing an unprecedented level of public participation and transparency in EPA consent decrees and settlement agreements.

"The days of regulation through litigation are over," **said EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt.** "We will no longer go behind closed doors and use consent decrees and settlement agreements to resolve lawsuits filed against the Agency by special interest groups where doing so would circumvent the regulatory process set forth by Congress. Additionally, gone are the days of routinely paying tens of thousands of dollars in attorney's fees to these groups with which we swiftly settle."

Over the years, outside the regulatory process, special interest groups have used lawsuits that seek to force federal agencies – especially EPA – to issue regulations that advance their interests and priorities, on their specified timeframe. EPA gets sued by an outside party that is asking the court to compel the Agency to take certain steps, either through change in a statutory duty or enforcing timelines set by the law, and then EPA will acquiesce through a consent decree or settlement agreement, affecting the Agency's obligations under the statute.

More specifically, EPA either commits to taking an action that is not a mandatory requirement under its governing statutes or agrees to a specific, unreasonable timeline to act. Oftentimes, these agreements are reached with little to no public input or transparency. That is regulation through litigation, and it is

inconsistent with the authority that Congress has granted and the responsibility to operate in an open and fair manner.

“Sue and settle” cases establish Agency obligations without participation by states and/or the regulated community; foreclose meaningful public participation in rulemaking; effectively force the Agency to reach certain regulatory outcomes; and, cost the American taxpayer millions of dollars.

**With today’s directive, Administrator Pruitt is ensuring the Agency increase transparency, improve public engagement, and provide accountability to the American public when considering a settlement agreement or consent decree by:**

1. Publishing any notices of intent to sue the Agency within 15 days of receiving the notice;
2. Publishing any complaints or petitions for review in regard to an environmental law, regulation, or rule in which the Agency is a defendant or respondent in federal court within 15 days of receipt;
3. Reaching out to and including any states and/or regulated entities affected by potential settlements or consent decrees;
4. Publishing a list of consent decrees and settlement agreements that govern Agency actions within 30 days, along with any attorney fees paid, and update it within 15 days of any new consent decree or settlement agreement;
5. Expressly forbidding the practice of entering into any consent decrees that exceed the authority of the courts;
6. Excluding attorney’s fees and litigation costs when settling with those suing the Agency;
7. Providing sufficient time to issue or modify proposed and final rules, take and consider public comment; and
8. Publishing any proposed or modified consent decrees and settlements for 30-day public comment, and providing a public hearing on a proposed consent decree or settlement when requested.

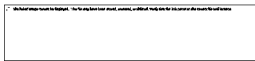
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**Subject:** Undeliverable: NODA announcement tomorrow AM  
**Attachments:** NODA announcement tomorrow AM

### Your message

**To:** bkovacs@uschamber.com  
**Subject:** NODA announcement tomorrow AM  
**Sent:** 10/30/2017 10:44:15 PM



Your message to bkovacs@uschamber.com couldn't be delivered.

bkovacs wasn't found at uschamber.com.

**Bennett.Tate**  
**Action Required**

**Office 365**

**bkovacs**  
**Recipient**

Unknown To address

## How to Fix It

The address may be misspelled or may not exist. Try one or more of the following:

- Send the message again following these steps: In Outlook, open this non-delivery report (NDR) and choose **Send Again** from the Report ribbon. In Outlook on the web, select this NDR, then select the link "**To send this message again, click here.**" Then delete and retype the entire recipient address. If prompted with an Auto-Complete List suggestion don't select it. After typing the complete address, click **Send**.
- Contact the recipient (by phone, for example) to check that the address exists and is correct.
- The recipient may have set up email forwarding to an incorrect address. Ask them to check that any forwarding they've set up is working correctly.
- Clear the recipient Auto-Complete List in Outlook or Outlook on the web by following the steps in this article: [Fix email delivery issues for error code 5.1.1 in Office 365](#), and then send the message again. Retype the entire recipient address before selecting **Send**.

If the problem continues, forward this message to your email admin. If you're an email admin, refer to the **More Info for Email Admins** section below.

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## More Info for Email Admins

Status code: 550 5.1.1

This error occurs because the sender sent a message to an email address outside of Office 365, but the address is incorrect or doesn't exist at the destination domain. The error is reported by the recipient domain's email server, but most often it must be fixed by the person who sent the message. If the steps in the **How to Fix It** section above don't fix the problem, and you're the email admin for the recipient, try one or more of the following:

**The email address exists and is correct** - Confirm that the recipient address exists, is correct, and is accepting messages.

**Synchronize your directories** - If you have a hybrid environment and are using directory synchronization make sure the recipient's email address is synced correctly in both Office 365 and in your on-premises directory.

**Errant forwarding rule** - Check for forwarding rules that aren't behaving as expected. Forwarding can be set up by an admin via mail flow rules or mailbox forwarding address settings, or by the recipient via the Inbox Rules feature.

**Mail flow settings and MX records are not correct** - Misconfigured mail flow or MX record settings can cause this error. Check your Office 365 mail flow settings to make sure your domain and any mail flow connectors are set up correctly. Also, work with your domain registrar to make sure the MX records for your domain are configured correctly.

For more information and additional tips to fix this issue, see [Fix email delivery issues for error code 550 5.1.1 in Office 365](#).

### Original Message Details

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Recipient Address: bkovacs@uschamber.com  
Subject: NODA announcement tomorrow AM

### Error Details

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## Original Message Headers

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Message

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**Sent:** 10/30/2017 10:44:15 PM  
**To:** bkovacs@uschamber.com  
**Subject:** NODA announcement tomorrow AM

Give me a shout when you have a chance. My cell number is

**Ex. 6**

Elizabeth Tate Bennett  
Associate Administrator for Public Engagement & Environmental Education  
Office of the Administrator  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
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Bennett.Tate@epa.gov

Message

**From:** Nitsch, Chad [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=D1D117EB89FF410FB6CCD21643B34447-CNITSCH]  
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**Subject:** Re: Hello Tate - might we connect at 11 am tomorrow?

11am works for me. Thanks for throwing this together on such short notice.

Chad Nitsch  
Intergovernmental Relations | State and Regional Partnerships  
United States Environmental Protection Agency  
202-564-4714

On Nov 7, 2017, at 7:54 PM, Christian Richter <[crichter@thepolicygroup.com](mailto:crichter@thepolicygroup.com)> wrote:

Yes, will work fine.

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

----- Original message -----

From: "Jennings, Kim" <[Jennings.Kim@epa.gov](mailto:Jennings.Kim@epa.gov)>  
Date: 11/7/17 7:40 PM (GMT-05:00)  
To: "Bennett, Tate" <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)>  
Cc: Christian Richter <[crichter@thepolicygroup.com](mailto:crichter@thepolicygroup.com)>, "Sands, Jeffrey" <[sands.jeffrey@epa.gov](mailto:sands.jeffrey@epa.gov)>, "Nitsch, Chad" <[Nitsch.Chad@epa.gov](mailto:Nitsch.Chad@epa.gov)>  
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Just let me know if this would work.

Best regards,

Christian

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**From:** Avery, Kevin J [Kevin.J.Avery@conocophillips.com]  
**Sent:** 10/2/2017 8:04:20 PM  
**To:** Delk, Chris (PTAX) [Chris.Delk@conocophillips.com]; Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]; Hoang, Lily N (PTAX) [Lily.Hoang@conocophillips.com]  
**Subject:** Recall: [EXTERNAL]Joint CoT, ITSC and TSSC Call - October 4th - 3 pm

Avery, Kevin J would like to recall the message, "[EXTERNAL]Joint CoT, ITSC and TSSC Call - October 4th - 3 pm".

Message

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**From:** Avery, Kevin J [Kevin.J.Avery@conocophillips.com]  
**Sent:** 10/2/2017 7:56:35 PM  
**To:** Delk, Chris (PTAX) [Chris.Delk@conocophillips.com]; Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]; Hoang, Lily N (PTAX) [Lily.Hoang@conocophillips.com]  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL]Joint CoT, ITSC and TSSC Call - October 4th - 3 pm  
**Attachments:** Framework Matrix.xlsx

Chris –

Who will be on this call for us on Wednesday?

KJA

**Kevin J. Avery**  
Manager, Federal Government Affairs  
ConocoPhillips  
325 7<sup>th</sup> Street, N.W., 12<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Washington, D.C. 20004

**Ex. 6** (Direct)  
(Mobile)

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**From:** Kenneth J. Moy [mailto:MoyK@api.org]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 02, 2017 1:25 PM  
**To:** TaxStrategy@listserve.api.org; gct@listserve.api.org  
**Cc:** incometax@listserve.api.org  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Joint CoT, ITSC and TSSC Call - October 4th - 3 pm

All,

As a reminder we will have a joint CoT, ITSC and TSSC call this Wednesday, October 4th at 3 pm. Please see below for the conference code information as well as our agenda of items to be discussed.

1) Conference Code

- a. Number:
- b. Code:

**Ex. 6**

2) Current State of Play

a. Budgets

On Friday the Senate released its proposed budget while the House is scheduled to consider its budget resolution this week. The timeline for the Senate's bill envisions the bill moving from the committee to the floor and coming to a vote within the next two weeks. Upon votes by the Senate and House the two bills will have their differences worked out in conference. The ultimate goal is to have a budget completed by October 20<sup>th</sup>. Both versions of the budget contain instructions for reconciliation which will be the ultimate vehicle for tax reform.

b. White House

Last Friday Stephen Comstock of API attended a White House Office of Public Liaison meeting which was also attended by representatives from the Hill and administration. Among the various points made was

that while the public support thus far was appreciated it was equally important to maintain that public support. They reiterated the timeline for the budget described above. Chairman Brady of the House Ways and Means Committee also stated he could see a tax bill being brought to the floor within 30 days of a budget being signed but representatives from the Senate did not signal that they were in agreement with such a timeline.

c. Additional Issues

3) Tax Framework

- a. The tax framework was jointly released by the White House, House Ways and Means Committee and the Senate Finance Committee this past Wednesday. Attached is a draft of the matrix API has put together reviewing each aspect of the framework. We have attempted to summarize what the main concerns are for each section as well as what additional information we would need to know to be comfortable with each element.
- b. Please let us know if you disagree with any of our assessments as well as if you think additional items should be added.

4) Next Steps

- a. Tax Strategy
  - i. Hill Meetings
    1. Rep. Nunes – 10/10
    2. Rep. Tiberi – 10/11
- b. API Communication Efforts
  - i. API is preparing a two minute web ad focusing on the pro-growth and job creation aspects of tax reform. By permitting companies to recover costs more efficiently more investment can be made in projects and more jobs can be created. Lastly, by implementing international tax reform US companies will be able to participate on a level playing field, create more jobs and reinvestment domestically.
- c. Chairman Brady Meeting?

Thank you. Please contact me with any additional issues you would like to see covered.

Best,  
Ken

**Kenneth J. Moy**  
Tax Counsel  
American Petroleum Institute  
1220 L Street NW, Washington, DC 20005

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[moyk@api.org](mailto:moyk@api.org)

Framework Position	General API Position	Potential Questions
The framework reduces the corporate tax rate to 20%	Support	Will the rate reduction be permanent?
Aims to eliminate the corporate AMT	Support	
The committees also may <b>consider methods to reduce the double taxation of corporate earnings</b>	Potentially Support	Too many questions surrounding different proposals to make a definitive statement
The framework allows businesses to immediately write off (or “expense”) the cost of new investments in depreciable assets other than structures made after September 27, 2017, for at least five years.	Support	
The committees may continue to work to enhance unprecedented expensing for business investments, especially to <b>provide relief for small businesses</b>	Potentially Support	Need more clarification on whether this will follow current bonus rules and what happens to existing costs recovery provisions outside of MACRS  Would this cover IDC and LIFO? Concern about treating similar taxpayers differently? Does the small business orientation mean that it will be focused on section 179?
<b>The deduction for net interest expense incurred by C corporations will be partially limited.</b>	Concern	
The committees will consider the appropriate treatment of interest paid by non-corporate taxpayers.	No position	Interest expense should be treated as any other business expense. What is the limitation amount relative to rate and cost recovery? Will the limitation be based on the type of company (large vs. small) or on the amount of debt or both?
Because of the framework’s substantial rate reduction for all businesses, the current-law domestic production (“section 199”) deduction will no longer be necessary.	Acknowledge	
<b>In addition, numerous other special exclusions and deductions will be repealed or restricted.</b>	Concern	Is this an effort to broaden the base on C Corps to even the disparity of rates btw C Corps and flow-thrus? Does this lead to differential tax treatment for similarly situated taxpayers or activities? Would this cover IDC and LIFO?

The framework explicitly preserves business credits in two areas where tax incentives have proven to be effective in promoting policy goals important in the American economy: research and development (R&D) and low-income housing.	No position	
While the framework envisions repeal of other business credits, the committees may decide to retain some other business credits to the extent budgetary limitations allow.	No position/Concern (?)	Is this energy credits that could present an uneven playing field to oil and natural gas?
<b>Special tax regimes exist to govern the tax treatment of certain industries and sectors. The framework will modernize these rules to ensure that the tax code better reflects economic reality and that such rules provide little opportunity for tax avoidance.</b>	Concern	Unknown as to what industries are meant to be covered by this and whether it makes oil and natural gas a target. Will the modernization of special tax rules include the elimination of industry specific punitive measures such as 907 and 954(g)? Is this targeting MLPs?
It will replace the existing, outdated worldwide tax system with a 100% exemption for dividends from foreign subsidiaries (in which the U.S. parent owns at least a 10% stake).	Support	Support 100% exemption system
To transition to this new system, the framework treats foreign earnings that have accumulated overseas under the old system as repatriated. Accumulated foreign earnings held in illiquid assets will be subject to a lower tax rate than foreign earnings held in cash or cash equivalents. Payment of the tax liability will be spread out over several years.	Acknowledge with concern	Want to clarify how the repatriation calculation will take place in order to preserve company tax attributes. Want to confirm that FTCs (including carryover FTCs) are usable against the repatriation tax due. Want to confirm that there will be an OFL turnoff similar to H.R. 1.
<b>The framework includes rules to protect the U.S. tax base by taxing at a reduced rate and on a global basis the foreign profits of U.S. multinational corporations.</b>	Potential Concern	Generally do not support a minimum tax to address base erosion concerns except as a kickout threshold into qualifying dividend income. However there may be ways to mitigate any exposure
<b>The committees will incorporate rules to level the playing field between U.S.-headquartered parent companies and foreign-headquartered parent companies.</b>	Concern	Does this represent an aggressive approach to the deductibility of all inbound expenses or is it limited in some fashion?

Not Addressed

Concern

- 1. LIFO accounting
- 2. IDC deduction
- 3. Branch treatment
- 4. MLP treatment
- 5. FTC carryovers

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**Sent:** 11/8/2017 5:31:19 AM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]; Jennings, Kim [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=7eeab2bece9b461e949b23d538b7964a-kjenning]  
**CC:** Sands, Jeffrey [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=b2aa28629ade4afb8d5ec12a8aaaba54-Sands, Jeff]; Nitsch, Chad [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=d1d117eb89ff410fb6ccd21643b34447-CNitsch]  
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Yes, that's excellent.

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Date: 11/7/17 7:43 PM (GMT-05:00)  
To: "Jennings, Kim" <Jennings.Kim@epa.gov>  
Cc: Christian Richter <crichter@thepolicygroup.com>, "Sands, Jeffrey" <sands.jeffrey@epa.gov>, "Nitsch, Chad" <Nitsch.Chad@epa.gov>  
Subject: Re: Hello Tate - might we connect at 11 am tomorrow?

I'm going to invite Oklahoma's Tysons guy, if that's ok...

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**From:** Leah Pilconis [pilconisl@agc.org]  
**Sent:** 9/27/2017 2:41:04 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, E]  
**Subject:** RE: Thank yous

It's absolutely no prob at all. I appreciate the work you're doing on your end to follow-up promptly on things from yesterday. I am happy to get you whatever you need.

**Leah F. Pilconis**

*Senior Environmental Counsel*

*AGC of America*

Direct: **Ex. 6** [pilconisl@agc.org](mailto:pilconisl@agc.org)

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**From:** Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 27, 2017 10:37 AM  
**To:** Leah Pilconis <pilconisl@agc.org>  
**Subject:** RE: Thank yous

Thanks and sorry for blowing you up so much lately.

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**From:** Leah Pilconis [mailto:pilconisl@agc.org]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 27, 2017 10:34 AM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Thank yous

Good morning. Here are the addresses you requested.

**Leah F. Pilconis**

*Senior Environmental Counsel*

*AGC of America*

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**From:** Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 26, 2017 3:27 PM  
**To:** Leah Pilconis <pilconisl@agc.org>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Thank yous

Hey Leah! Do you have addresses for Mike and the other gentlemen he met with pre speech this morning?

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Ferguson, Lincoln" <ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov>  
**Date:** September 26, 2017 at 3:24:58 PM EDT  
**To:** "Bennett, Tate" <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Thank yous

Can you send me whatever contacts you received last night and this morning?

Need address for Stephen and Mike from AGC and then Kermit and whoever else from last night.

Thanks!

Sent from my iPhone

Message

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**From:** Gordon, Stephen [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=7C8FB4D82BFF4EEC98F5C5D00A47F554-GORDON, STE]  
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**Subject:** RE: Thank you

Great, let's go with 1:30. I will send out a calendar invite now.

Stephen L. Gordon Jr.  
Deputy Director for Public Engagement  
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**From:** Nick Goldstein [mailto:ngoldstein@artba.org]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 1, 2017 5:05 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>; Letendre, Daisy <letendre.daisy@epa.gov>; Gordon, Stephen <gordon.stephen@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Thank you

I am fine with either time as well.

Nick

Nick Goldstein  
Vice President of Regulatory Affairs & Assistant General Counsel  
American Road & Transportation Builders Association  
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Suite 900  
Washington, DC 20024  
Phone: Ex. 6  
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**From:** Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 01, 2017 5:04 PM  
**To:** Letendre, Daisy; Gordon, Stephen; Nick Goldstein  
**Subject:** RE: Thank you

Either work for me.

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**From:** Letendre, Daisy  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 1, 2017 4:59 PM  
**To:** Gordon, Stephen <gordon.stephen@epa.gov>; Nick Goldstein <ngoldstein@artba.org>; Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Thank you

Thanks for looping me in Tate, I'd be happy to join. Is it possible to schedule this for 1:30PM on Friday?

Best,  
Daisy

**Daisy C. Letendre**

*Senior Advisor for Policy and Strategic Communications*  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Office of the Administrator  
Office of Policy

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**From:** Gordon, Stephen  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 1, 2017 4:50 PM  
**To:** Nick Goldstein <[ngoldstein@artba.org](mailto:ngoldstein@artba.org)>; Bennett, Tate <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Letendre, Daisy <[letendre.daisy@epa.gov](mailto:letendre.daisy@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Thank you

2pm Friday afternoon works for me.

Stephen L. Gordon Jr.  
Deputy Director for Public Engagement  
Office of the Administrator  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
(202) 564-1301  
[Gordon.Stephen@epa.gov](mailto:Gordon.Stephen@epa.gov)

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**From:** Nick Goldstein [<mailto:ngoldstein@artba.org>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 1, 2017 4:24 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Gordon, Stephen <[gordon.stephen@epa.gov](mailto:gordon.stephen@epa.gov)>; Letendre, Daisy <[letendre.daisy@epa.gov](mailto:letendre.daisy@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Thank you

Sure, anytime Friday afternoon works for me. What time would be best for you all?

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**From:** Bennett, Tate [<mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 01, 2017 4:22 PM  
**To:** Nick Goldstein  
**Cc:** Gordon, Stephen; Letendre, Daisy  
**Subject:** RE: Thank you

Hey there! Could you do Friday afternoon? Thanks for circling back. Copying Daisy to see if she'd like to join as well.

Tate

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**From:** Nick Goldstein [<mailto:ngoldstein@artba.org>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 1, 2017 4:20 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Thank you

Elizabeth,

I wanted to write you a short note to say thank you for including ARTBA in yesterday's event on Administrator Pruitt's actions with regards to the various science boards at EPA.

I also wanted to follow-up on your offer to meet and discuss the regulatory issues facing ARTBA members. We have a very active regulatory practice here (usually filing well over 25 sets of regulatory comments per year with various agencies, including EPA). As you can imagine, with our members working on all types of infrastructure projects, regulatory issues are a priority for us.

Please let me know if there would be a good time for myself and/or my colleagues here at ARTBA to come meet and discuss ARTBA, what we do, who our members are and their concerns further.

Also, please do not hesitate to reach out if I can be of help in any way.

Thanks again,

Nick

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Message

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**From:** Christian Richter [crichter@thepolicygroup.com]  
**Sent:** 11/8/2017 12:39:09 AM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, E]  
**CC:** Sands, Jeffrey [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=b2aa28629ade4afb8d5ec12a8aaaba54-Sands, Jeff]; Jennings, Kim [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=7eeab2bece9b461e949b23d538b7964a-kjenning]; Nitsch, Chad [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=d1d117eb89ff410fb6ccd21643b34447-CNitsch]  
**Subject:** RE: Hello Tate - might we connect at 11 am tomorrow?

Thanks very much.

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

----- Original message -----

**From:** "Bennett, Tate" <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>  
**Date:** 11/7/17 7:36 PM (GMT-05:00)  
**To:** Christian Richter <crichter@thepolicygroup.com>  
**Cc:** "Sands, Jeffrey" <sands.jeffrey@epa.gov>, "Jennings, Kim" <Jennings.Kim@epa.gov>, "Nitsch, Chad" <Nitsch.Chad@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Hello Tate - might we connect at 11 am tomorrow?

Works for me. Copying the rest of the team to see if it works for them. Kim has graciously offered her conference line and can perhaps send the info around.

On Nov 7, 2017, at 7:31 PM, Christian Richter <crichter@thepolicygroup.com> wrote:

Just let me know if this would work.

Best regards,

Christian

The Policy Group

1800 M Street NW

Suite 400 South

Washington, DC 20036

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direct

[crichter@thepolicygroup.com](mailto:crichter@thepolicygroup.com)



Message

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**From:** Ford, Hayley [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=4748A9029CF74453A20EE8AC9527830C-FORD, HAYLE]  
**Sent:** 9/28/2017 7:56:00 PM  
**To:** Joe Neal Hampton [joe.neal@okagassn.org]  
**CC:** Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, E]  
**Subject:** RE: ara

Hi Joe,

I reached out to Tammy Miller last week regarding the Oklahoma Ag Expo. Unfortunately, the Administrator won't be in Oklahoma during that time and therefore, must respectfully decline. We appreciate the invitation and hope to make a future event work!

***Hayley Ford***

Deputy White House Liaison  
Office of the Administrator  
Environmental Protection Agency  
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[ford.hayley@epa.gov](mailto:ford.hayley@epa.gov)  
Phone: 202-564-2022  
Cell: 

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**From:** Bennett, Tate  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 28, 2017 11:28 AM  
**To:** Joe Neal Hampton <joe.neal@okagassn.org>  
**Cc:** Ford, Hayley <ford.hayley@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: ara

Hey! Copying our scheduling guru, Hayley Ford!

On Sep 28, 2017, at 11:16 AM, Joe Neal Hampton <[joe.neal@okagassn.org](mailto:joe.neal@okagassn.org)> wrote:

Good Morning. Hope all is well with you. I am following up to the brief discussion we had at the meeting in OKC regarding Scott speaking schedule.

First, I know he has been invited to speak at the Agricultural Retailers Assn. meeting in Phoenix, AZ on November 29. It would be really good if he could address this national organization.

Secondly, if he happens to be in Oklahoma November 6 we would love to have him drop by for a few comments at our annual Oklahoma Ag Expo at the Embassy Suites in Norman, OK.

Thanks. Joe Neal

*Joe Neal Hampton  
Chief Executive Officer  
Oklahoma Grain and Feed Assn.  
Oklahoma Agribusiness Retailers Assn.  
Oklahoma Seed Trade Assn.  
Oklahoma Wheat Growers Assn.*

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Message

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**From:** Leah Pilconis [pilconisl@agc.org]  
**Sent:** 9/27/2017 2:33:49 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]  
**Subject:** RE: Thank yous  
**Attachments:** Administrator Pruitt \_ AGC Addresses from 9.26.17 Mtg.docx

Good morning. Here are the addresses you requested.

**Leah F. Pilconis**

*Senior Environmental Counsel*

*AGC of America*

Direct: **Ex. 6** pilconisl@agc.org

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**From:** Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 26, 2017 3:27 PM  
**To:** Leah Pilconis <pilconisl@agc.org>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Thank yous

Hey Leah! Do you have addresses for Mike and the other gentlemen he met with pre speech this morning?

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Ferguson, Lincoln" <ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov>  
**Date:** September 26, 2017 at 3:24:58 PM EDT  
**To:** "Bennett, Tate" <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Thank yous

Can you send me whatever contacts you received last night and this morning?

Need address for Stephen and Mike from AGC and then Kermit and whoever else from last night.

Thanks!

Sent from my iPhone



***PEOPLE WHO WERE IN THE “HOLDING ROOM” BEFORE THE ADMINISTRATOR’S SPEECH:***

**AGC of America 2017 President**

**Art Daniel**

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***AGC CHAPTER EXECUTIVE WHO WILL MEET WITH ADMINISTRATOR IN COLORADO NEXT WEEK. HE JOINED US IN THE “HOLDING ROOM” FOLLOWING SPEECH:***

**AGC of Colorado Building Chapter Inc. President/CEO**

**Michael Gifford**

President/CEO

AGC of Colorado Building Chapter Inc.

1114 W 7th Avenue, Suite 200

Denver, CO 80204-4432

Message

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**From:** Andy LaVigne [alavigne@betterseed.org]  
**Sent:** 10/16/2017 2:34:30 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, E]  
**Subject:** Automatic reply: EMBARGOED UNTIL TODAY @ 11:30 AM: ADMINISTRATOR PRUITT ISSUES DIRECTIVE TO END EPA "SUE & SETTLE"

Thanks for contacting me. I will be out of the office Oct. 14 - 20 for meetings of the International Seed Federation in Canada. If you need something immediately, please contact my assistant - Brenda Rowe at browe@betterseed.org. I will respond to your e-mail as soon as I am able.

Best regards, Andy

Message

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**From:** Leah Pilconis [pilconisl@agc.org]  
**Sent:** 9/28/2017 12:53:59 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]  
**CC:** Vance, Eric [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=d7fc312a1267466188680444d66fe0e6-EVance]; Ford, Hayley [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=4748a9029cf74453a20ee8ac9527830c-Ford, Hayle]  
**Subject:** RE: AGC Oklahoma Guys with Pruitt - PICTURE

Great!

Here are the other gentlemen in the photo (all AGC leadership), in case the Administrator asks:

Fred Krapff - Krapff Reynolds Construction, Oklahoma City, OK  
Mark Lambert - Lambert Construction Company, Stillwater, OK  
Don Noble - Cimarron Construction Co, Oklahoma City, OK  
Mike Owen - Atlas Construction Group, LLC, Bixby, OK

Leah F. Pilconis  
Senior Environmental Counsel  
AGC of America  
Direct: [Ex. 6] | pilconisl@agc.org

-----Original Message-----

From: Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]  
Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2017 7:20 AM  
To: Leah Pilconis <pilconisl@agc.org>  
Cc: Vance, Eric <Vance.Eric@epa.gov>; Ford, Hayley <ford.hayley@epa.gov>  
Subject: Re: AGC Oklahoma Guys with Pruitt - PICTURE

We can definitely make that happen. Thanks so much for all the details!

> On Sep 27, 2017, at 10:27 PM, Leah Pilconis <pilconisl@agc.org> wrote:  
>  
> Tate -  
>  
> Here's the pic - it should be high resolution enough to print well as an 8 x 10.  
>  
> There are 2 AGC chapter executives in the photo:  
>  
> Douglas Tapp, exec for the AGC of Oklahoma Building Chapter - Oklahoma  
> City Rick Moore, exec for the Oklahoma Municipal Contractors Assn -  
> Oklahoma City  
>  
> It would be great if you could send a signed pic to both AGC Chapters (so they don't fight over it, LOL!).  
>  
> Thanks so much.  
>  
> Douglas J. Tapp  
> Executive Director  
> AGC of Oklahoma Building Chapter  
> 605 NW 13th Street #A  
> Oklahoma City, OK 73103-2213  
>  
> Rick J. Moore  
> Executive Director  
> Oklahoma Municipal Contractors Assn  
> 1684 SW 86th Street #D (73159)  
> PO Box 891797  
> Oklahoma City, OK 73189-1797  
>  
>  
> Leah F. Pilconis  
> Senior Counsel, Environmental Law & Policy The Associated General  
> Contractors of America -- 2300 Wilson Blvd., Suite 300, Arlington, VA  
> 22201

> **Ex. 6** | pilconisl@agc.org<mailto:pilconisl@agc.org> |  
> @AGCEnvironment | linkedin.com/in/LeahPilconis |  
> www.agc.org/environment<http://www.agc.org/environment>  
>  
> <Pruitt with AGC OK folks.jpg>

Message

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**From:** Mike Jackson [mjackson@okstatechamber.com]  
**Sent:** 9/7/2017 9:17:26 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, E]  
**Subject:** RE: Linking you up r.e. 4:15 next Weds.

Thank you for all your help.

## Mike Jackson

Executive Vice President of Government & Political Affairs  
State Chamber of Oklahoma

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**From:** Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 07, 2017 4:16 PM  
**To:** Mike Jackson <mjackson@okstatechamber.com>  
**Subject:** RE: Linking you up r.e. 4:15 next Weds.

That works fine.

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**From:** Mike Jackson [mailto:mjackson@okstatechamber.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 7, 2017 5:15 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Linking you up r.e. 4:15 next Weds.

We were thinking 8 to 10? I can get you list late tomorrow?

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**From:** Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 07, 2017 4:13 PM  
**To:** Mike Jackson <mjackson@okstatechamber.com>  
**Subject:** RE: Linking you up r.e. 4:15 next Weds.

Nice. Ok. Just the board then.

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**From:** Mike Jackson [mailto:mjackson@okstatechamber.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 7, 2017 5:09 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Linking you up r.e. 4:15 next Weds.



150 or so☺

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**From:** Bennett, Tate [<mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>]

**Sent:** Thursday, September 07, 2017 4:03 PM

**To:** Mike Jackson <[mjackson@okstatechamber.com](mailto:mjackson@okstatechamber.com)>

**Subject:** RE: Linking you up r.e. 4:15 next Weds.

Well actually, how many are in the entire group?

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**From:** Mike Jackson [<mailto:mjackson@okstatechamber.com>]

**Sent:** Thursday, September 7, 2017 5:01 PM

**To:** Bennett, Tate <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: Linking you up r.e. 4:15 next Weds.

What could you accommodate? We could bring some of our members as well.

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**From:** Bennett, Tate [<mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>]

**Sent:** Thursday, September 07, 2017 3:56 PM

**To:** Mike Jackson <[mjackson@okstatechamber.com](mailto:mjackson@okstatechamber.com)>

**Cc:** Ford, Hayley <[ford.hayley@epa.gov](mailto:ford.hayley@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: Linking you up r.e. 4:15 next Weds.

One final question- do you have an attendee list?

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**From:** Mike Jackson [<mailto:mjackson@okstatechamber.com>]

**Sent:** Thursday, September 7, 2017 4:42 PM

**To:** Bennett, Tate <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)>

**Cc:** Ford, Hayley <[ford.hayley@epa.gov](mailto:ford.hayley@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** Re: Linking you up r.e. 4:15 next Weds.

Hello Hayley looking forward to the opportunity.

Mike Jackson

Executive Vice President of Government & Political Affairs

State Chamber of Oklahoma

Phone: [redacted] Ex. 6

Cell: [redacted] Ex. 6

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On Sep 7, 2017, at 3:35 PM, Bennett, Tate <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)> wrote:

Hayley, meet Mike with Oklahoma State Chamber. Hayley, do you have any building instructions you can pass along or maps?

Elizabeth Tate Bennett  
Associate Administrator for Public Engagement  
Office of the Administrator  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Message

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**From:** Konkus, John [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=555471B2BAA6419E8E141696F4577062-KONKUS, JOH]  
**Sent:** 9/26/2017 6:46:20 PM  
**To:** Kovacs, William [WKovacs@USChamber.com]; Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]  
**Subject:** RE: Quick call?

Thank you Sir.

-----Original Message-----

From: Kovacs, William [mailto:WKovacs@USChamber.com]  
Sent: Tuesday, September 26, 2017 2:45 PM  
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>  
Subject: RE: Quick call?

John, below is my quote for your use tomorrow.

"The U.S. Chamber is pleased to see Administrator Pruitt end the practice of entering into sue and settle Consent Decrees that for years have allowed environmental groups to control agency policymaking. We applaud the Administrator's efforts to refocus EPA's mission from one of a political activist organization to one that strives to achieve its congressionally-directed mission of protecting us and our air, water, and land."

Any questions just call.

Bill Kovacs  
Senior Vice President, Environment, Technology & Regulatory Affairs U.S. Chamber of Commerce  
1615 H Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20062-2000

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-----Original Message-----

From: Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]  
Sent: Tuesday, September 26, 2017 12:03 PM  
To: Bennett, Tate; Kovacs, William  
Subject: RE: Quick call?

Mr. Kovacs: What is the best number and a good time for me to give you a call?

Thank you,

John Konkus  
Environmental Protection Agency  
Deputy Associate Administrator for Public Affairs  
Mobile: Ex. 6

-----Original Message-----

From: Bennett, Tate  
Sent: Tuesday, September 26, 2017 11:57 AM  
To: wkovacs@uschamber.com  
Cc: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>  
Subject: RE: Quick call?

Hey Bill! We are happy the Chamber is willing to entertain the idea of a quote re our Sue and Settle termination event. I am copying John Konkus handling press for this specific event who would be happy to answer any of your questions/discuss the event with your comms team.

Tate

-----Original Message-----

From: Bennett, Tate  
Sent: Monday, September 25, 2017 12:13 PM  
To: wkovacs@uschamber.com  
Subject: Quick call?

Hi Bill! Tate with EPA here. Brittany Bolen passed your name along. May I give you a shout today re sue and settle?

Message

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**From:** Brooke Appleton [Appleton@ncga.com]  
**Sent:** 9/8/2017 5:27:10 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, E]  
**Subject:** RE: Looking for a regulatory person

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-----Original Message-----

From: Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]  
Sent: Friday, September 8, 2017 1:27 PM  
To: Brooke Appleton <Appleton@ncga.com>  
Subject: Re: Looking for a regulatory person

What's your cell?

> On Sep 8, 2017, at 9:46 AM, Brooke Appleton <Appleton@ncga.com> wrote:  
>  
> Standing outside of Starbucks.  
>  
> Sent from my iPhone  
>  
>> On Sep 8, 2017, at 9:44 AM, Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov> wrote:  
>>  
>> By north entrance? Be right there  
>>  
>>> On Sep 8, 2017, at 9:43 AM, Brooke Appleton <Appleton@ncga.com> wrote:  
>>>  
>>> I'm out front. But take your time.  
>>>  
>>> Sent from my iPhone  
>>>  
>>>> On Sep 8, 2017, at 9:41 AM, Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov> wrote:  
>>>>  
>>>> Do I have time to run upstairs to chat with a coworker momentarily or are you close?  
>>>>  
>>>> -----Original Message-----  
>>>> From: Bennett, Tate  
>>>> Sent: Friday, September 8, 2017 9:28 AM  
>>>> To: 'Brooke Appleton' <Appleton@ncga.com>  
>>>> Subject: RE: Looking for a regulatory person  
>>>>  
>>>> No worries! Just email me when you are out front.  
>>>>  
>>>> -----Original Message-----  
>>>> From: Brooke Appleton [mailto:Appleton@ncga.com]  
>>>> Sent: Friday, September 8, 2017 9:25 AM  
>>>> To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>  
>>>> Subject: Re: Looking for a regulatory person  
>>>>  
>>>> Be uber driver took the worst route. I'll be a few minutes after 9:30. Sorry!  
>>>>  
>>>> Sent from my iPhone  
>>>>  
>>>>> On Sep 7, 2017, at 9:16 PM, Brooke Appleton <Appleton@ncga.com> wrote:  
>>>>>  
>>>>> Even better. See you then!!  
>>>>>  
>>>>> Sent from my iPhone  
>>>>>  
>>>>>> On Sep 7, 2017, at 7:27 PM, Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov> wrote:  
>>>>>>  
>>>>>> Actually maybe 9:30?  
>>>>>>  
>>>>>>> On Sep 7, 2017, at 6:12 PM, Brooke Appleton <Appleton@ncga.com> wrote:  
>>>>>>>  
>>>>>>> Yes that works. I could meet you there at 9am.  
>>>>>>>  
>>>>>>> -----Original Message-----  
>>>>>>> From: Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]  
>>>>>>> Sent: Thursday, September 7, 2017 2:44 PM

>>>>>> To: Brooke Appleton <Appleton@ncga.com>  
>>>>>> Subject: RE: Looking for a regulatory person  
>>>>>>  
>>>>>> Apparently (after looking at my outlook) the only time that will work is 9-9:30 AM. Is that OK?  
Maybe come to EPA and we can walk across the street to Starbucks?  
>>>>>>  
>>>>>> -----Original Message-----  
>>>>>> From: Brooke Appleton [mailto:Appleton@ncga.com]  
>>>>>> Sent: Thursday, September 7, 2017 2:37 PM  
>>>>>> To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>  
>>>>>> Subject: RE: Looking for a regulatory person  
>>>>>>  
>>>>>> Yea, I'm wide open in the morning. Feel free to set a time and place.  
>>>>>>  
>>>>>> Thanks!  
>>>>>>  
>>>>>> Brooke  
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>>>>>> -----Original Message-----  
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**Sent:** 9/12/2017 2:57:09 AM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]; Nitsch, Chad [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=d1d117eb89ff410fb6ccd21643b34447-CNitsch]  
**CC:** Jane DeMarchi [jdemarchi@betterseed.org]; Bethany Shively [bshively@betterseed.org]; Pat Miller [pmiller@betterseed.org]  
**Subject:** Thank you!

Tate/Chad,

It was great meeting you today and we appreciate you taking the time to let us introduce ASTA to you. I look forward to working with you and the rest of Administrator Pruitt's team in the future.

As we discussed, I am including Jane DeMarchi (ASTA VP, Government Affairs) and Bethany Shively (ASTA Director, Communications). I've asked them to forward to you electronically the documents we reviewed during our meeting. Let us know if there is anything we do for you.

Best regards,

Andy



[www.betterseed.org](http://www.betterseed.org)

**Andrew W. LaVigne**  
President & CEO  
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Alexandria, VA 22314  
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[alavigne@betterseed.org](mailto:alavigne@betterseed.org)



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**From:** Leah Pilconis [pilconisl@agc.org]  
**Sent:** 9/28/2017 2:25:39 AM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, E]  
**Subject:** AGC Oklahoma Guys with Pruitt - PICTURE  
**Attachments:** Pruitt with AGC OK folks.jpg

Tate –

Here's the pic – it should be high resolution enough to print well as an 8 x 10.

There are 2 AGC chapter executives in the photo:

Douglas Tapp, exec for the AGC of Oklahoma Building Chapter – Oklahoma City  
Rick Moore, exec for the Oklahoma Municipal Contractors Assn – Oklahoma City

It would be great if you could send a signed pic to both AGC Chapters (so they don't fight over it, LOL!).

Thanks so much.

Douglas J. Tapp  
Executive Director  
AGC of Oklahoma Building Chapter  
605 NW 13th Street #A  
Oklahoma City, OK 73103-2213

Rick J. Moore  
Executive Director  
Oklahoma Municipal Contractors Assn  
1684 SW 86th Street #D (73159)  
PO Box 891797  
Oklahoma City, OK 73189-1797

**Leah F. Pilconis**

***Senior Counsel, Environmental Law & Policy***

The Associated General Contractors of America -- 2300 Wilson Blvd., Suite 300, Arlington, VA 22201

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**Subject:** RE: Looking for a regulatory person

Sounds good. In the meantime if you think of some names of folks I should reach out to, please send them my way. We'd like to get the ball rolling asap.

Have a nice weekend!

Brooke

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**From:** Kovacs, William [WKovacs@USChamber.com]  
**Sent:** 9/26/2017 4:47:11 PM  
**To:** Konkus, John [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=555471b2baa6419e8e141696f4577062-Konkus, Joh]; Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]  
**Subject:** RE: Quick call?

John:

Any time after 1:30 I will be available.

Bill Kovacs  
Senior Vice President, Environment, Technology & Regulatory Affairs  
U.S. Chamber of Commerce  
1615 H Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20062-2000

**Ex. 6**

-----Original Message-----

From: Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]  
Sent: Tuesday, September 26, 2017 12:03 PM  
To: Bennett, Tate; Kovacs, William  
Subject: RE: Quick call?

Mr. Kovacs: What is the best number and a good time for me to give you a call?

Thank you,

John Konkus  
Environmental Protection Agency  
Deputy Associate Administrator for Public Affairs  
Mobile: **Ex. 6**

-----Original Message-----

From: Bennett, Tate  
Sent: Tuesday, September 26, 2017 11:57 AM  
To: wkovacs@uschamber.com  
Cc: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>  
Subject: RE: Quick call?

Hey Bill! We are happy the Chamber is willing to entertain the idea of a quote re our Sue and Settle termination event. I am copying John Konkus handling press for this specific event who would be happy to answer any of your questions/discuss the event with your comms team.

Tate

-----Original Message-----

From: Bennett, Tate  
Sent: Monday, September 25, 2017 12:13 PM  
To: wkovacs@uschamber.com  
Subject: Quick call?

Hi Bill! Tate with EPA here. Brittany Bolen passed your name along. May I give you a shout today re sue and settle?

Message

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**Sent:** 9/27/2017 2:46:50 PM  
**To:** Brian Turmail [turmailb@agc.org]; Nahee Rosso [chon@agc.org]  
**CC:** Gordon, Stephen [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=7c8fb4d82bff4eec98f5c5d00a47f554-Gordon, Ste]; Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]  
**Subject:** RE: AGC Quote for EPA release (Sue and Settle)

See below --- EPA's Sue and Settle announcement will happen next week.

Tate/Stephen – If possible, please “reply to all” when that happens (or direct this request to the appropriate person) so my colleagues copied on this message (AGC's Brian Turmail and Nahee Rosso) know when to put out AGC's supporting statement.

Thank you.

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**Ex. 6** | [pilconisl@agc.org](mailto:pilconisl@agc.org)

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**Sent:** Wednesday, September 27, 2017 9:15 AM  
**To:** Leah Pilconis <pilconisl@agc.org>  
**Cc:** Gordon, Stephen <gordon.stephen@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: AGC Quote for EPA release (Sue and Settle)

FYI Sue and Settle has been rescheduled to next week but we are still going to use this.

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**From:** Leah Pilconis [mailto:pilconisl@agc.org]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 26, 2017 5:47 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** AGC Quote for EPA release (Sue and Settle)

Tate -

Here is an AGC quote for you to use in EPA's press statement tomorrow re: Sue and Settle.

“It is encouraging to see the administration announce that it will no longer surrender to litigious groups abusing the legal process to impose new, unworkable burdens on the business community,” said Stephen E. Sandherr, the chief executive officer of the Associated General Contractors of America. “By putting an end to back room agreements, the administrator is making sure that all affected parties have an opportunity to contribute to the discussion about measures needed to protect our environment.”

In addition, AGC has written its own supporting statement that we will issue tomorrow after the Administrator makes his announcement. Can someone on your end let us know when that happens?

Thanks very much. And thanks again for everything today. (Will get you those addresses...)

Best regards,

Leah

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**From:** Joe Neal Hampton [joe.neal@okagassn.org]  
**Sent:** 9/28/2017 3:29:52 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, E]  
**Subject:** RE: ara

Thanks. JN

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**From:** Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 28, 2017 10:28 AM  
**To:** Joe Neal Hampton <joe.neal@okagassn.org>  
**Cc:** Ford, Hayley <ford.hayley@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: ara

Hey! Copying our scheduling guru, Hayley Ford!

On Sep 28, 2017, at 11:16 AM, Joe Neal Hampton <joe.neal@okagassn.org> wrote:

Good Morning. Hope all is well with you. I am following up to the brief discussion we had at the meeting in OKC regarding Scott speaking schedule.

First, I know he has been invited to speak at the Agricultural Retailers Assn. meeting in Phoenix, AZ on November 29. It would be really good if he could address this national organization.

Secondly, if he happens to be in Oklahoma November 6 we would love to have him drop by for a few comments at our annual Oklahoma Ag Expo at the Embassy Suites in Norman, OK.

Thanks. Joe Neal

*Joe Neal Hampton  
Chief Executive Officer  
Oklahoma Grain and Feed Assn.  
Oklahoma Agribusiness Retailers Assn.  
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2309 N. 10<sup>th</sup> St., Suite E  
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Hey I'm out front. On 12th street.

Sent from my iPhone

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> No worries! Just email me when you are out front.

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> From: Brooke Appleton [mailto:Appleton@ncga.com]

> Sent: Friday, September 8, 2017 9:25 AM

> To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>

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> Be uber driver took the worst route. I'll be a few minutes after 9:30. Sorry!

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>>> Actually maybe 9:30?

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>>>> Yes that works. I could meet you there at 9am.

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>>>> Apparently (after looking at my outlook) the only time that will work is 9-9:30 AM. Is that OK? Maybe come to EPA and we can walk across the street to Starbucks?

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**To:** Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, E]  
**Subject:** RE: 4:15 Visit Wednesday Oklahoma State Chamber

Thank you so much. Just spoke with Haley.

## Toni Schwarz

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**Sent:** Monday, September 11, 2017 1:30 PM  
**To:** Toni Schwarz <tonis@okstatechamber.com>  
**Cc:** Ford, Hayley <ford.hayley@epa.gov>; Dickerson, Aaron <dickerson.aaron@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: 4:15 Visit Wednesday Oklahoma State Chamber

Adding Hayley and Aaron who can help!

On Sep 11, 2017, at 12:38 PM, Toni Schwarz <tonis@okstatechamber.com> wrote:

Good afternoon. I am trying to get specific information for those who will be attending this meeting. I linked everyone to website information. I just need to know which building they need to visit. Thank you for your assistance and I will have an RSVP list to you later today.

## Toni Schwarz

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**Subject:** RE: Invite from AGC CEO Sandherr to Address AGC Members at Upcoming Leadership Conference

Thank you!

**Leah F. Pilconis**  
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**From:** Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 11, 2017 1:39 PM  
**To:** Leah Pilconis <pilconisl@agc.org>  
**Cc:** Ashley MacDonald <ashley.macdonald@agc.org>; Ford, Hayley <ford.hayley@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Invite from AGC CEO Sandherr to Address AGC Members at Upcoming Leadership Conference

Hi there! Copying Hayley who can help run the traps.

On Sep 11, 2017, at 11:07 AM, Leah Pilconis <pilconisl@agc.org> wrote:

Dear Tate –

Hello and hope you are doing well. When we met the other week regarding an interagency meeting on streamlining the CWA 404 permitting process, I handed you an envelope with a letter from AGC's CEO Stephen Sandherr to Administrator Scott Pruitt (dated June 7, 2017) – requesting a meeting to discuss key environmental issues for the commercial construction industry. As we discussed, AGC was (and still is) having trouble determining who, in your office, is currently in charge of scheduling Administrator Pruitt's meetings. We still have not heard back from anyone.

**Attached is a new, updated request/letter from Steve to Administrator Pruitt (dated Sept. 8, 2017) inviting him to speak on Tuesday, Sept. 26 at AGC's upcoming National & Chapter Leadership Conference.** In attendance will be the owners, presidents and/or chief executive officers of AGC-member companies and AGC's national and chapter officers (more than 100 people).

As you will see from the email below, we have already shared this invite with our contacts in the Office of Policy in hope that it will get into the right hands. But I wanted to circle back with you as well.

If you have a moment, can you please forward this message and/or "reply to all" and let us know who AGC should contact directly to get this meeting set up? Thank you very much for your help.

And let me know how things are going on the 404 meeting front and if there's anything I can do to help, in that regard.

Have a good week.

Thanks again,

Leah

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**From:** Melinda Tomaino

**Sent:** Friday, September 08, 2017 11:48 AM

**To:** 'Letendre, Daisy' <[letendre.daisy@epa.gov](mailto:letendre.daisy@epa.gov)>

**Cc:** Shaw, Nena <[Shaw.Nena@epa.gov](mailto:Shaw.Nena@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: Thank you/ Smart Sectors moving forward

Daisy and Nena,

It was great meeting you both, and we are looking forward to the new Smart Sectors program. We are also very pleased to hear about the Administration's focus on permit streamlining. Our members will be very keen to hear this as well as the incorporation of lean principles you mentioned the other day, and how that may reduce redundancy and perhaps paperwork burdens associated with regulatory programs. In that spirit, I'd like to follow up on our CEO Steve Sandherr's invitation for EPA to address to our association's national and chapter leadership later this month while they are in town (Willard Intercontinental, Sept. 24-27). May I entrust this invitation in your hands to get it to the right person with Administrator Pruitt's staff? We'll also send it directly, but you know exactly what we're looking for as well as the opportunity this presents not only to build support for the new Smart Sectors program but also to showcase the Administration's commitment to streamlining environmental permitting and lean principles to leading construction firms across the country. We are suggesting a morning briefing from 8:45AM to 9:45AM on Tuesday, Sept. 26, but of course, would do our best to accommodate schedules.

Leah and I would be happy to meet with you and Mr. Tomiak further. Beginning with our meetings with our environmental steering committee next week, and then we can arrange a time specific for the streamlining issue. I hope the documents were of help, it's a lot of information to digest.

We normally would not have all these opportunities to engage with members open up so quickly. It is great timing that you reached out to us when our environmental leadership and then our national and chapter leadership come together for their annual meetings in Washington DC.

P.S. I bcc'ed everyone else while we iron out the details.

Warm regards,  
Melinda

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**From:** Letendre, Daisy [mailto:letendre.daisy@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 07, 2017 3:20 PM  
**To:** Leah Pilconis <pilconisl@agc.org>; Jeff Shoaf <shoafj@agc.org>; Melinda Tomaino <tomainom@agc.org>; Jimmy Christianson <christiansonj@agc.org>; Scott Berry <berrys@agc.org>  
**Cc:** Shaw, Nena <Shaw.Nena@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Thank you/ Smart Sectors moving forward

Dear Melinda, Jeff, Leah, Jimmy, Scott:

Thank you for meeting with us yesterday to discuss the newly relaunched Sectors Initiative. We appreciated the open and frank discussion and look forward to building on your vast experience working with EPA and the prior Sectors initiative. We are excited to work with AGC as we reinvigorate our sector-based approach to environmental protection at EPA.

We are very impressed with the NEPA and section 404 regulatory requirements map. We appreciate the extensive effort it must have taken to develop. The conversation we had today on this with Robert Tomiak was equally as productive and I will work with Robert to find a time when you and Melinda can come to EPA to share your work. Streamlining permitting is an important focus for this administration and your expertise in this area will pave the way for what I can only assume will be some very productive conversations.

In addition, thank you for the offer to speak next week and at your member leadership meeting on September 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. We're looking forward to next week and will touch base on both meetings early next week.

As we briefly discussed, we are looking at October 2-6, "manufacturing week," as a target date to publicly announce and introduce our new program. I will keep you informed as that planning solidifies.

Moving forward, I will be your point of contact and can be reached via email or by cell at **Ex. 6**

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Thank you again!

Daisy Letendre

<Administrator Pruitt Invite Letter 9.8.17.pdf>

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**From:** George Malvaney [george@malvaney.com]  
**Sent:** 8/22/2017 4:11:10 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, E]  
**Subject:** [SPAM] Re: [SPAM] Re: MS Manufacturers Ass'n - Speaking Request

That would be perfect, Tate. Please hold a speaker slot open for our conference. And if the Administrator's schedule can allow him to attend then we would love to have him. Thanks much for your responsiveness!

George

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 22, 2017, at 10:38, Bennett, Tate <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)> wrote:

Hey there! We can definitely get you a senior staff speaker, however, the Administrator's schedule is still in flux. Let's plan on placing an EPA staffer (TBD) in your program for now. Sound ok?

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**From:** George Malvaney [<mailto:george@malvaney.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 22, 2017 11:32 AM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** [SPAM] Re: MS Manufacturers Ass'n - Speaking Request

Hope all is well Tate. I'm trying to pin down our speakers for the Mississippi Manufacturer's Assn Environmental Conference. It's not till October so I realize we are still a ways out. But if y'all have any word on a potential speaker from headquarters please let me know. It would be helpful in working out our final schedule. And again, thanks for all y'all are doing at the new and improved EPA!

George

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 13, 2017, at 17:22, Bennett, Tate <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)> wrote:

That's our mission!

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**From:** George Malvaney [<mailto:george@malvaney.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 13, 2017 5:40 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Hupp, Sydney <[hupp.sydney@epa.gov](mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov)>; Morris, Madeline <[morris.madeline@epa.gov](mailto:morris.madeline@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: MS Manufacturers Ass'n - Speaking Request

Thanks much Tate.

We very much look forward to having an EPA speaker that understands and appreciates the problems faced by the regulated community. And thanks again for the new and more "user friendly" EPA we are seeing emerging.



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On Jul 13, 2017, at 15:08, Bennett, Tate <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)> wrote:

Adding Maddie. We will discuss soon!

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 13, 2017, at 4:04 PM, George Malvaney  
<[george@malvaney.com](mailto:george@malvaney.com)> wrote:

Tate, hope all is starting to calm down for y'all. Drinking from two fire hoses is no fun. Maybe y'all are now down to a single fire hose.

I realize y'all have much going on and that it's difficult to plan far ahead. But it would be very helpful to our conference planning if we could get a hard commitment for a senior EPA Headquarters official to speak in October. We formally requested Administrator Pruitt, Samantha Dravis or another senior official. We don't necessarily need the name of a specific person right now but would like to firm up a senior official, if possible.

Thanks for y'all's help on this. And keep up the great work y'all are doing. I'm a former regulator from the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality so I appreciate the sacrifices y'all make.

George

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On Jun 12, 2017, at 20:50, Bennett, Tate  
<[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)> wrote:

Thanks! Shooting this to Sydney our scheduler.

On Jun 12, 2017, at 2:23 PM, Brian Sanderson <[bsanderson@rgppc.org](mailto:bsanderson@rgppc.org)> wrote:

Tate,

Thanks for your help last week and sending the forms for our friends at MS Manufacturers Association. Attached

are the completed  
forms. I'm copying  
George Malvaney  
([george@malvaney.com](mailto:george@malvaney.com)) here who can  
answer any details and  
be the point of contact  
going forward. Thanks  
again - Brian

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**Subject:** Automatic reply: Invite from AGC CEO Sandherr to Address AGC Members at Upcoming Leadership Conference

Thank you for your email. I am currently out of the office at business conference with limited access to email. If you need immediate assistance, please contact AGC's Crystal Yates at [yatesc@agc.org](mailto:yatesc@agc.org). I will return on Monday, Sept. 18.

**Leah F. Pilconis**

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**From:** Jane DeMarchi [jdemarchi@betterseed.org]  
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**Subject:** RE: Thank you!  
**Attachments:** ASTA EPA Priorities.docx; ASTA EPA Regulatory Relief - EPA-HQ-OA-2017-0190.pdf; Joint letter to EPA 9.1.17.pdf; ASTA\_Handout\_FINAL.pdf

Tate, Chad and Amy:

Good to meet you electronically. Attached are the documents that Andy presented in New Orleans. I understand you have additional interest around communications. Would be happy to discuss any of these documents or your other objectives at your convenience.

Jane DeMarchi  
VP, Government and Regulatory Affairs  
American Seed Trade Association

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**From:** Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 12, 2017 9:17 AM  
**To:** Andy LaVigne  
**Cc:** Nitsch, Chad; Jane DeMarchi; Bethany Shively; Pat Miller; Dewey, Amy  
**Subject:** Re: Thank you!

Hey there! Adding Amy to see if she can get something on the books with Bethany and Jane back home.

On Sep 11, 2017, at 10:58 PM, Andy LaVigne <[alavigne@betterseed.org](mailto:alavigne@betterseed.org)> wrote:

Tate/Chad,

It was great meeting you today and we appreciate you taking the time to let us introduce ASTA to you. I look forward to working with you and the rest of Administrator Pruitt's team in the future.

As we discussed, I am including Jane DeMarchi (ASTA VP, Government Affairs) and Bethany Shively (ASTA Director, Communications). I've asked them to forward to you electronically the documents we reviewed during our meeting. Let us know if there is anything we do for you.

Best regards,

Andy

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## **Seed Treatment**

Seed treatments deliver a very precise application that shields seeds from the insects and diseases that exist in the soil during early developmental stages. Seed treatments reduce the environmental impact of the production process by decreasing the number of spray applications of agrichemical products lessening exposure to non-target species, including humans, pollinators and the environment.

EPA currently regulates the pesticides used as seed treatments. A seed may not be treated with a pesticide unless EPA has specifically approved the pesticide for use as a seed treatment on that seed. Seed is regulated by USDA and individual states. There are additional requirements for language on the seed container for neonic-treated seed.

## **Treated Article Exemption Petition**

Recently a group of NGO's led by the Center for Food Safety submitted a petition to EPA seeking to regulate treated seed itself as a pesticide instead of as a treated article. The petition follows a similar lawsuit that was dismissed by a Federal judge ruling in November 2016. The treated article exemption is a longstanding policy of EPA. An article is exempt from regulation under FIFRA by virtue of the treated article exemption if the following three conditions are satisfied: (i) the article contains or is treated with a pesticide; (ii) the pesticide is intended to protect the article itself; and (iii) the pesticide is registered for this use. Treated seeds meet all of these requirements.

Regulating treated seed as a pesticide, as desired by those filing the petition, would likely put an end to the use of seed treatments. It could put a tremendous burden on growers, as each planting will be considered a pesticide application. In addition, the regulations would become overwhelming as each treated seed may need to be registered as a pesticide pursuant to FIFRA. At the very least, each seed treatment formulation which typically contain a number of registered products, would need to have its own full registration.

The potential burden will not result in measurable benefits to the environment, which EPA has acknowledged. EPA has released pollinator assessments for neonic pesticides which all indicate low risks from seed treatment uses.

## **Next steps**

**ASTA would welcome the opportunity to provide input to EPA on the potential impact of the petition either through a public comment process or through other means.**

## **Seed Treatment Stewardship**

In numerous recent documents EPA has shown strong support for voluntary stewardship methods to reduce exposures during the planting of pesticide treated seed. ASTA and our members take our role in promoting seed treatment stewardship very seriously. Since the inception of the initiative, building grower awareness has been our highest priority.

Program Update - In the last few months we created new content around the 5 Basic Steps for Stewardship of Treated Seed which has been promoted through social media, earned media, handouts at Commodity Classic

and announcements on farm radio through a partnership with National Association of Farm Broadcasters. At the same time, we refreshed and reorganized our website with the goal of making information on stewardship and pollinators easier to access.

On April 26th ASTA, National Corn Growers Association and the Association of Equipment Manufacturers hosted a Planter Demonstration Day for EPA, USDA and Hill staff. The day was a huge success. USDA and EPA staff were very appreciative of the opportunity to get outside and see their work come to life. The day included sessions on the benefits of seed treatment and how seed is treated and planted so that fugitive dust is minimized. Speakers from Bayer, Syngenta, BASF, Monsanto and DuPont Pioneer participated along with Crop Production Services, John Deere, Great Plains and other equipment companies. A video of the event is on YouTube.

### **Biological Seed Treatments**

The term biologicals encompasses many different types of products that can be classified under three buckets: biopesticides, biostimulants, and biofertilizers. Which bucket it falls under is determined by the claims made by the seller but generally these are naturally occurring microbes that can be applied to seeds. Even within those 3 types of products, they can be regulated under FFRA by EPA (biopesticides, and biostimulants that are considered Plant Growth Regulators (PGR's)) or by the state fertilizer authorities (biofertilizers and non-PGR biostimulants). Since FIFRA regulated products have clear and predictable regulatory requirements, we are seeking federal oversight with streamlined regulations that are proportionate to risk for biostimulant products. EPA has drafted guidance documents on claims associated with biostimulants.

### **Next Steps:**

**ASTA, BPIA, and the Biostimulant Coalition recently sent a letter to Nancy Beck asking EPA to release their guidance ASAP.**

### **PBI**

Plant varieties improved with the latest breeding methods are subjected to the same critical performance evaluations and processes that breeders have used for decades to create new plant varieties that are safe to grow and eat. If the plant varieties developed with the newer tools meet the same standards as those developed with more traditional breeding methods, they should be subject to the same treatment under the law.

It is important that USDA, EPA and FDA, the three regulatory agencies, closely coordinate their activities to ensure consistency.

EPA has consistently stated that its intent is to focus its regulatory efforts for Plant Incorporated Protectants (PIPs) to those plant defense mechanisms that are new to plants and may present novel, unknown and/or unfamiliar toxicological profiles. EPA further recognized the safety record of plant breeding in the United States. Based on this safety record, EPA exempted PIPs derived through conventional plant breeding and stated that it did not want to unnecessarily supplant the self-regulating aspects of plant breeding.

ASTA submitted comments to the EPA's Docket on Evaluation of Existing Regulations on May 15<sup>th</sup> stating PIPs developed through certain gene editing applications meet the definitions under the EPA's existing exemption for conventional breeding and EPA should explicitly clarify this.

**Next steps:**

**ASTA would like to have further dialogue with EPA Office of General Counsel on a legal interpretation for plant breeding innovation.**



May 15, 2017

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Submitted Electronically via Federal eRulemaking Portal (<http://www.regulations.gov>)

**Re: Evaluation of Existing Regulations; Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OA-2017-0190**

Dear Sir or Madam,

Founded in 1883, the American Seed Trade Association (ASTA), located in Alexandria, Virginia, is one of the oldest trade organizations in the United States. Its membership consists of over 700 companies involved in seed production and distribution, plant breeding, and related industries in North America. ASTA members research, develop, produce and distribute all varieties of seeds – including grasses, forages, flowers, vegetables, row crops, and cereals. ASTA member seed products support agricultural producers of food products and farm commodities in the United States and around the world.

#### General Comments

For more than three decades, numerous administrations<sup>1</sup> have agreed on the principles and policies that provide the foundation for effective and efficient regulatory oversight. In 2011-12, two Executive Orders and a memo on appropriate regulation of emerging technologies<sup>2</sup> reaffirmed the principles that were clearly articulated in the 1993 Executive Order on regulatory development and review:

- Regulate only when there is a significant problem that is best solved by regulation.
- If regulation is warranted, it should be designed to be cost-effective: the benefits of regulation should justify the costs, and the degree of regulation should be commensurate with the risk.
- Base regulatory decisions on the best available scientific and technical information.
- Provide sufficient flexibility to accommodate new evidence and learning, and review regulations on a regular basis to ensure they meet the regulatory objectives in the least burdensome way.
- Use clear language and provide opportunity for stakeholder and public involvement.
- If possible, regulation should promote innovation while protecting health and the environment.
- Avoid interagency duplication and inconsistency.

<sup>1</sup> EO 12866 (Sept.30, 1993) *Regulatory Planning and Review*. <http://www.archives.gov/federal-register/executive-orders/pdf/12866.pdf>; OECD. 1995. Recommendation of the Council on Improving the Quality of Government Regulation. <http://acts.oecd.org/>

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OECD. 2005. Guiding Principles for Regulatory Quality and Performance. <http://www.oecd.org/fr/reformereg/34976533.pdf>; Middle East and North Africa-OECD.2009. Regional Charter for Regulatory Quality. <http://www.oecd.org/mena/governance/45187832.pdf>; OECD. 2012. Recommendation of the Council on Regulatory Policy and Governance <http://www.oecd.org/regreform/regulatory-policy/49990817.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> EO 13563 (January 18, 2011) *Improving Regulation and Regulatory Review* <http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2011/01/18/executive-order-13563-improving-regulation-and-regulatory-review>; EO 13610 (May 10, 2012) *Identifying and Reducing Regulatory Burdens* <http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2012/05/10/executive-order-identifying-and-reducing-regulatory-burdens>; Memorandum (March 11, 2011) *Principles for Regulation and Oversight of Emerging Technologies*

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- Promote international coordination to minimize trade impacts.

The Coordinated Framework for the Regulation of Biotechnology (Coordinated Framework) is consistent with the principles described above. It additionally set forth a number of principles specific to Federal regulation of the products of biotechnology. A fundamental principle in the Coordinated Framework is that similar products be treated the same by regulatory agencies and that new products meet the same safety standards and criteria as existing products.

#### **EPA'S Mission and 40 CFR Part 174**

For Plant Incorporated Protectants (PIPs), EPA has consistently stated that its intent is to focus its regulatory efforts to those defense mechanisms that are new to plants and that act directly on the target pest through a toxic mechanism of action. In the 2001 final PIP rule, EPA stated that it would focus on those PIPs that are isolated from novel sources and may present novel, unknown and/or unfamiliar toxicological profiles. (66 Fed. Reg. 37782-83).

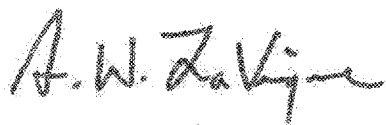
EPA further recognized the safety record of plant breeding in the United States and that plant breeders have provided a safe food supply and that they have standards of practice to maintain this safety record. Based on this safety record, EPA exempted PIPs derived through conventional breeding from sexually compatible plants from almost all regulatory oversight, except the post market reporting of adverse effects. EPA stated that it did not want to unnecessarily supplant the self-regulating aspects of plant breeding. (66 Fed. Reg. 33783)

Many of the applications of innovative plant breeding tools are and will continue in the future to be used by plant breeders to more efficiently and effectively develop disease and pest resistant plant varieties. These tools will be particularly important for creating resistance to diseases that rapidly evolve and for crops with longer generational times. These newer plant breeding tools create disease resistance through inducing genetic variability in a very targeted way using the plant's own gene pool. No "foreign" DNA is found in the final plant product. Plant varieties improved with these latest breeding methods are subjected to the same critical performance evaluations and processes that breeders have used for many decades to create new plant varieties that are safe to grow and eat.

If the plant varieties developed with the newer tools meet the same standards as those developed with earlier breeding methods, they should be subject to the same treatment under the law and are not within the mandate of EPA, something EPA has consistently recognized since 1994. This science-based approach will promote agricultural innovation while, at the same time, allowing the Agency to focus its limited resources on higher priorities.

ASTA appreciate the opportunity to engage with the agency. We look forward to working together throughout the process.

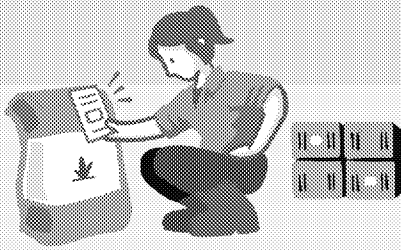
Sincerely,



Andrew W. LaVigne  
President & CEO

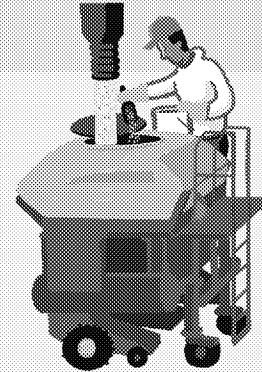
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# Steps for Stewardship of Treated Seed



## Follow Directions

Follow directions on treated seed container labeling for handling, storage, planting and disposal practices.



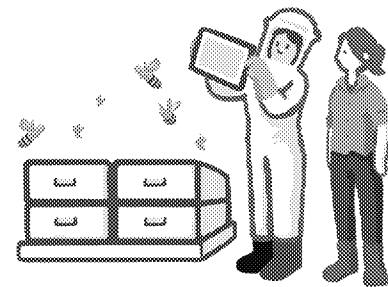
## Minimize Dust

Use advanced seed flow lubricants that minimize dust.



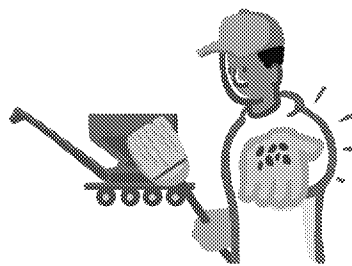
## Eliminate Weeds

Eliminate flowering plants and weeds in and around the field prior to planting.



## BeeAware

At planting, be aware of honey bees and hives located near the field, and communicate with beekeepers when possible.

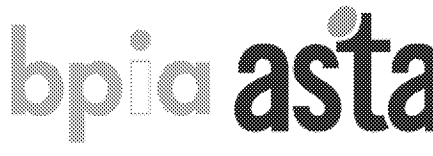
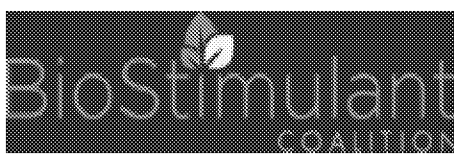


## Clean and Remove

Completely remove all treated seed left in containers and equipment used to handle harvested grain, and dispose of it properly. Keep all treated seed out of the commodity grain channels.

For detailed information about stewardship of treated seed, check out [seed-treatment-guide.com](http://seed-treatment-guide.com)





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September 1, 2017

Via E-Mail

Nancy A. Beck, Ph.D.  
Deputy Assistant Administrator  
Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20460

Subject: Guidance Document Regarding Biostimulants

Dear Dr. Beck:

On behalf of the U.S. Biostimulant Coalition (USBC), the Biological Products Industry Alliance (BPIA), and the American Seed Trade Association (ASTA), we write to request that the guidance document on which the Biopesticides and Pollution Prevention Division (BPPD) has been working with USBC, BPIA, and ASTA, for several years now, be released to the public before the end of 2017. Doing so will provide much needed regulatory clarity for growers, the biostimulant industry, agricultural retailers, state regulatory officials, and other stakeholders.

We have appreciated the opportunity to work with the Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) over the past several years on this matter and greatly appreciate OPP leadership and staff for their time and effort. Our most recent meeting on June 14, 2017, with OPP Director Rick Keigwin, Mark Hartman, Russ Jones, and Chris Kaczmarek was a productive step in understanding better OPP's approach to clarifying label claims of plant biostimulant products. We share OPP's view that providing guidance on label claims could be a useful first step in a process leading to a rulemaking to develop definitions for nutritional chemicals and plant biostimulants. Our organizations would welcome an opportunity to work with OPP in providing much needed definitional clarity on these terms, clarity that would go a long way in better articulating the sometimes murky jurisdictional divide between regulated pesticide products and products not regulated as pesticides by OPP. We believe there is a high level of alignment between our organizations and OPP as to the elements of the guidance as we have discussed them during our various meetings, and we are eager to have the guidance shared with the regulatory community as soon as possible.

As we have noted, the need for guidance for affected industry and government regulatory groups is at a tipping point. While we recognize the need for senior Agency management review and consideration by the Office of Management and Budget, continued delay ensures further confusion, and denies the public the benefits of the Agency's hard work in preparing the document. We are mindful of the pressures you and your colleagues face during these early months of the new Administration, but we also believe this guidance is very much aligned with the Administration's various deregulatory Executive Orders and other initiatives to lessen the regulatory burden on U.S. businesses.

Please let us know if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,  
David Beaudreau Jr., US Biostimulant Coalition  
Keith Jones, Executive Director, BPIA  
Andrew LaVigne, President and CEO, ASTA

cc: Mr. Richard P. Keigwin, Jr. (via e-mail)  
Mr. Mark A. Hartman (via e-mail)

Message

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**From:** Pat Miller [pmiller@betterseed.org]  
**Sent:** 9/12/2017 1:17:01 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group  
(FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, E]  
**Subject:** Automatic reply: Thank you!

I am traveling and will only check emails periodically. If you need something right away, call me **Ex. 6**  
**Ex. 6** I'll be back in the office on Thursday, September 21st.

September 8, 2017

The Honorable E. Scott Pruitt  
Administrator  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Mail Code 1101A  
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Administrator Pruitt:

I have the great pleasure of inviting you to address the leadership of the Associated General Contractors of America (AGC) during the National and Chapter Leadership Conference (NCLC) that AGC will hold in Washington, D.C., from September 24 to September 27, 2017.

AGC is the nation's largest commercial construction trade association, representing more than 26,000 corporate members through a network of over 90 chapters in 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. Our construction firms are engaged in building, heavy, civil, industrial, utility and other construction for both public and private property owners and developers. Collectively, AGC member firms build most of the nation's public and private infrastructure.

At the NCLC, the chapters' presidents and vice presidents—typically, the owners, presidents and/or chief executive officers of their individual companies—will join the association's national officers for three days of intensive discussion of the many issues confronting the construction industry. The NCLC would provide an opportunity for you to speak directly to the local, state, and national leaders of the construction industry. Your appearance would encourage their commitment to working with EPA in a positive and constructive effort to improve the environment. I would suggest a morning briefing from 8:45AM to 9:45AM on Tuesday, September 26, but of course, AGC would seek to accommodate any alternative time that your schedule might require.

AGC is eager to work with EPA in a joint effort to improve environmental regulations and to explore ways to assess environmental progress. AGC is excited about EPA's recent invitation to become a "Smart Sectors" partner. We are encouraged by the priorities of the new and improved program and have already begun to share ideas with your Office of Policy staff on how to make environmental permitting more timely, predictable and consistent.

On behalf of AGC, and its chapter and national leadership, I look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,



Stephen E. Sandherr

cc: Daisy C. Letendre, Office of the Administrator, Office of Policy  
Nena Shaw, Office of the Administrator, Office of Policy

Message

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**From:** Ethan Mathews [Mathews@ncga.com]  
**Sent:** 8/5/2017 9:58:23 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group  
(FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, E]  
**Subject:** Re: ND

Thanks very much, Tate!

Ethan Mathews  
Director of Public Policy, NCGA  
[Mathews@ncga.com](mailto:Mathews@ncga.com)

**Ex. 6**

On Aug 5, 2017, at 5:43 PM, Bennett, Tate <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)> wrote:

Governor and Hoeven's folks are making it work!

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Brooke Appleton [Appleton@ncga.com]  
**Sent:** 9/8/2017 7:28:49 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, E]  
**Subject:** Re: Looking for a regulatory person

Thanks! I'll definitely reach out to Jess. Thanks!

Sent from my iPhone

> On Sep 8, 2017, at 2:34 PM, Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov> wrote:  
>  
> I checked and she (Lauren) wants to stay put. Jess Clowser is another good one to reach out to.  
>  
> -----Original Message-----  
> From: Brooke Appleton [mailto:Appleton@ncga.com]  
> Sent: Friday, September 8, 2017 11:30 AM  
> To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>  
> Subject: RE: Looking for a regulatory person  
>  
> Tate,  
>  
> Thank you again for your time and insight. If you could reach out to Lauren and gauge her interest, I'd appreciate it. If she's interested please have her contact me and we can hopefully get together soon.  
>  
> It would be great to get someone in here with Senate experience, we don't currently have that.  
>  
> Thanks!  
>  
> Brooke  
>  
> -----Original Message-----  
> From: Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]  
> Sent: Friday, September 8, 2017 9:46 AM  
> To: Brooke Appleton <Appleton@ncga.com>  
> Subject: Re: Looking for a regulatory person  
>  
> Cool.  
>  
>> On Sep 8, 2017, at 9:44 AM, Brooke Appleton <Appleton@ncga.com> wrote:  
>>  
>> I'll meet you at Starbucks.  
>>  
>> Sent from my iPhone  
>>  
>>> On Sep 8, 2017, at 9:42 AM, Brooke Appleton <Appleton@ncga.com> wrote:  
>>>  
>>> I'm out front. But take your time.  
>>>  
>>> Sent from my iPhone  
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>>>> On Sep 8, 2017, at 9:41 AM, Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov> wrote:  
>>>>  
>>>> Do I have time to run upstairs to chat with a coworker momentarily or are you close?  
>>>>  
>>>> -----Original Message-----  
>>>> From: Bennett, Tate  
>>>> Sent: Friday, September 8, 2017 9:28 AM  
>>>> To: 'Brooke Appleton' <Appleton@ncga.com>  
>>>> Subject: RE: Looking for a regulatory person  
>>>>  
>>>> No worries! Just email me when you are out front.  
>>>>  
>>>> -----Original Message-----  
>>>> From: Brooke Appleton [mailto:Appleton@ncga.com]  
>>>> Sent: Friday, September 8, 2017 9:25 AM  
>>>> To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>  
>>>> Subject: Re: Looking for a regulatory person  
>>>>  
>>>> Be uber driver took the worst route. I'll be a few minutes after 9:30. Sorry!  
>>>>



>>>> Sent from my iPhone  
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>>>>> On Sep 7, 2017, at 9:16 PM, Brooke Appleton <Appleton@ncga.com> wrote:  
>>>>>  
>>>>> Even better. See you then!!  
>>>>>  
>>>>> Sent from my iPhone  
>>>>>  
>>>>>> On Sep 7, 2017, at 7:27 PM, Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov> wrote:  
>>>>>>  
>>>>>> Actually maybe 9:30?  
>>>>>>  
>>>>>>> On Sep 7, 2017, at 6:12 PM, Brooke Appleton <Appleton@ncga.com> wrote:  
>>>>>>>  
>>>>>>> Yes that works. I could meet you there at 9am.  
>>>>>>>  
>>>>>>> -----Original Message-----  
>>>>>>> From: Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]  
>>>>>>> Sent: Thursday, September 7, 2017 2:44 PM  
>>>>>>> To: Brooke Appleton <Appleton@ncga.com>  
>>>>>>> Subject: RE: Looking for a regulatory person  
>>>>>>>  
>>>>>>> Apparently (after looking at my outlook) the only time that will work is 9-9:30 AM. Is that OK?  
>>>>>>> Maybe come to EPA and we can walk across the street to Starbucks?  
>>>>>>>  
>>>>>>> -----Original Message-----  
>>>>>>> From: Brooke Appleton [mailto:Appleton@ncga.com]  
>>>>>>> Sent: Thursday, September 7, 2017 2:37 PM  
>>>>>>> To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>  
>>>>>>> Subject: RE: Looking for a regulatory person  
>>>>>>>  
>>>>>>> Yea, I'm wide open in the morning. Feel free to set a time and place.  
>>>>>>>  
>>>>>>> Thanks!  
>>>>>>>  
>>>>>>> Brooke  
>>>>>>>  
>>>>>>> -----Original Message-----  
>>>>>>> From: Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]  
>>>>>>> Sent: Thursday, September 7, 2017 2:36 PM  
>>>>>>> To: Brooke Appleton <Appleton@ncga.com>  
>>>>>>> Subject: RE: Looking for a regulatory person  
>>>>>>>  
>>>>>>> Your fine! I have an 8 am meeting here at EPA so can you do mid-AM?  
>>>>>>>  
>>>>>>> -----Original Message-----  
>>>>>>> From: Brooke Appleton [mailto:Appleton@ncga.com]  
>>>>>>> Sent: Thursday, September 7, 2017 2:19 PM  
>>>>>>> To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>  
>>>>>>> Subject: RE: Looking for a regulatory person  
>>>>>>>  
>>>>>>> I totally dropped the ball on this and forgot to follow-up. I am free in the morning if you by  
>>>>>>> chance have time to grab coffee?  
>>>>>>>  
>>>>>>> -----Original Message-----  
>>>>>>> From: Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]  
>>>>>>> Sent: Thursday, August 24, 2017 9:58 PM  
>>>>>>> To: Brooke Appleton <Appleton@ncga.com>  
>>>>>>> Subject: Re: Looking for a regulatory person  
>>>>>>>  
>>>>>>> Lets touch base that Monday! We typically have 8 Am staff meetings with our COS, but that week  
>>>>>>> might be more quiet.  
>>>>>>>  
>>>>>>>> On Aug 24, 2017, at 3:27 PM, Brooke Appleton <Appleton@ncga.com> wrote:  
>>>>>>>>  
>>>>>>>>> The 7th would work great for me. What's a good spot for you? You live on the hill right? I do as  
>>>>>>>>> well so maybe we could hit a place on our way to work?  
>>>>>>>>>  
>>>>>>>>> Agency level, downtown, a fabulous hill staffer--we're looking for anyone who would want to  
>>>>>>>>> handle this portfolio who is familiar with the issues.  
>>>>>>>>>  
>>>>>>>>> -----Original Message-----  
>>>>>>>>> From: Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]  
>>>>>>>>> Sent: Thursday, August 24, 2017 4:23 PM  
>>>>>>>>> To: Brooke Appleton <Appleton@ncga.com>  
>>>>>>>>> Subject: Re: Looking for a regulatory person  
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>>>>>>> Oh no! Are you looking for someone at the agency level or someone already downtown? Could you do coffee on the 6th or 7th?
>>>>>>>
>>>>>>> On Aug 24, 2017, at 8:50 AM, Brooke Appleton <Appleton@ncga.com> wrote:
>>>>>>>
>>>>>>> Hey Tate!
>>>>>>>
>>>>>>> I hope you are doing well!
>>>>>>>
>>>>>>> Ethan Mathews, who handled all of our EPA regulatory and water quality issues has moved on to a new gig, so we're looking to replace him. We'd like to find someone with a background in these issues if possible.
>>>>>>>
>>>>>>> I'd love to pick your brain if you have time? I know your schedule is crazy, but let me know if you have time for coffee/lunch in the next week or so. My schedule is pretty open--at least no travel.
>>>>>>>
>>>>>>> Let me know what might work.
>>>>>>>
>>>>>>> Thanks!!
>>>>>>>
>>>>>>> Brooke
>>>>>>>
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**Subject:** Automatic reply: Friday call?

I will be out of the office from Monday, August 7 through Monday, August 14 with very limited access to email. I will respond when to your email when I return.

Message

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**From:** Toni Schwarz [tonis@okstatechamber.com]  
**Sent:** 9/8/2017 7:09:22 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]  
**CC:** Mike Jackson [mjackson@okstatechamber.com]; Ford, Hayley [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=4748a9029cf74453a20ee8ac9527830c-Ford, Hayle]  
**Subject:** State Chamber of Oklahoma EPA Meeting Invite List  
**Attachments:** EPA Invite List.xlsx

Good afternoon,

Attached is a list of State Chamber invites to the EPA Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, September 13 at 4:15p.m. I will send a final RSVP list on Monday. Please let me know if you need any other information.

## Toni Schwarz

Executive Assistant, Government Affairs  
State Chamber of Oklahoma  
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Rick	Grundman	Oklahoma Natural Gas, A Division of ONE Gas
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David	Holt	Oklahoma State Senate
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**From:** Jake Plevelich [jplevelich@pestworld.org]  
**Sent:** 8/14/2017 2:27:32 PM  
**To:** Jake Plevelich [jplevelich@pestworld.org]  
**Subject:** NPMA PestWorld 2017 Invitation and Complimentary Registration



**Re: NPMA PestWorld 2017 Invitation and Complimentary Registration**

Dear valued partner,

It is with great pleasure that I formally invite you to **NPMA PestWorld 2017 on October 24-27 at the Baltimore Convention Center in Baltimore, MD!**

As a valued partner and leader in your field, I would like to provide you with a complimentary registration to our four-day event. The NPMA Public Policy Team wanted to let you know that PestWorld hosts several public policy events and is a chance for Pest Management Professionals (PMPs), policymakers, and government officials from every level to engage and work together on the most pressing legislative and regulatory issues. When we learn from people like you, it allows us to become better protectors of public health and property. We hope by attending, you can learn something from our family of PMPs.

Over 3,300 attendees of the pest management industry look forward to connecting, networking and brainstorming solutions with you. We welcome you to attend any and all events at PestWorld 2017, and additionally, we wanted to point out the following sessions that will be hosted and moderated by the NPMA Public Policy Team:

- ***Public Policy Committee Meeting, Wednesday, October 25, 2017 @ 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM***
- ***Reception/Briefing NPMA SPAR Program, Wednesday, October 25, 2017 @ 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM***
- ***Federal and State Public Policy Update, Thursday, October 26, 2017 @ 3:00 PM – 4:15 PM***

I hope you are able to accept this invitation and I look forward to hearing from you. Please R.S.V.P. by contacting [jplevelich@pestworld.org](mailto:jplevelich@pestworld.org), so that we can reserve your spot, and your registration package will be waiting for you upon arrival at the NPMA Registration Desk in the Baltimore Convention Center. To learn more about NPMA PestWorld 2017, please visit: <http://www.pestworld2017.org/>.

Thank you for being such a valued partner.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dom 7 Stumpf', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Dominique M. Stumpf CMP, CAE  
Chief Executive Officer  
National Pest Management Association





Message

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**From:** Matthew Turkstra [matthew.turkstra@agc.org]  
**Sent:** 8/22/2017 8:06:24 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, E]  
**Subject:** RE: Friday call?

Tate,

My apologies for not replying earlier but I was away on vacation without access to email and am finally digging out of the pile.

If you'd like to chat this week, I am available at **Ex. 6**

For what it's worth, I am handling the tax and accounting portfolio at AGC and if you could give me a better idea about what this is in regards to, I could hopefully someone on AGC staff that would be more relevant to the discussion.

Thanks and talk to you soon,

Matt

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 09, 2017 10:00 PM  
**To:** Matthew Turkstra <matthew.turkstra@agc.org>  
**Subject:** Friday call?

Hey Matt! Tate Bennett with EPA here. My husband **Ex. 6** passed your name along. I'm in Administrator Pruitt's immediate office heading up Public and Stakeholder Engagement. I was wondering if you had time for a quick call this Friday? Just wanted to run a few questions by you. Thanks! Tate

Message

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**From:** Devin Mogler, Green Plains Inc. [Devin.Mogler@gpreinc.com]  
**Sent:** 6/27/2018 8:51:59 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]  
**Subject:** RE: Speaking Invite - Growth Energy 2018 Biofuels Summit

Sounds good!

Devin

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**From:** Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 27, 2018 4:48 PM  
**To:** Devin Mogler, Green Plains Inc. <Devin.Mogler@gpreinc.com>  
**Subject:** Re: Speaking Invite - Growth Energy 2018 Biofuels Summit

Was just curious. Nothing concrete in mind. Let's touch base before the holiday!

On Jun 27, 2018, at 3:44 PM, Devin Mogler, Green Plains Inc. <Devin.Mogler@gpreinc.com> wrote:

You bet Tate – anytime!

I don't believe they have an in person meeting before Sep. (they just had a Board meeting in Omaha a few days before your boss swung through). That being said, if the Administrator wanted to meet with them in the near term, they could possibly make something work. What did you have in mind?

Devin

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**From:** Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 27, 2018 3:53 PM  
**To:** Devin Mogler, Green Plains Inc. <Devin.Mogler@gpreinc.com>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Speaking Invite - Growth Energy 2018 Biofuels Summit

Hey there-

Thanks for your time last week. Do you know if Growth does anything in DC fly-in-wise before September? For instance, a board meeting perhaps?

Tate

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Samantha Frith <SFrith@growthenergy.org>  
**Date:** June 27, 2018 at 2:43:41 PM CDT  
**To:** "morris.madeline@epa.gov" <morris.madeline@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** "Bennett.tate@epa.gov" <Bennett.tate@epa.gov>, "Gunasekara.Mandy@epa.gov" <Gunasekara.Mandy@epa.gov>, Chris Bliley <cbliley@growthenergy.org>, "John Fuher" <JFuher@growthenergy.org>  
**Subject:** Speaking Invite - Growth Energy 2018 Biofuels Summit

Hi Maddy,

I have attached a letter from our CEO, Emily Skor, inviting Administrator Pruitt to speak at our upcoming 2018 Biofuels Summit on September 11<sup>th</sup>. We will be hosting this year's summit at the Washington Court Hotel in Washington, DC. Please let me know if you have any questions or need any additional information. We appreciate yalls consideration of this request and look forward to hearing from you soon.

All the best,

Sam

Samantha Frith | Manager of Government Affairs & PAC

**Growth Energy**

CELL **Ex. 6** OFFICE **Ex. 6**

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**From:** Morris, Madeline [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=F42C86B4A2044779972AC94E098F0304-MORRIS, MAD]  
**Sent:** 7/26/2017 8:21:36 PM  
**To:** Avery, Kevin J [Kevin.J.Avery@conocophillips.com]; Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]; Lyons, Troy [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=15e4881c95044ab49c6c35a0f5eef67e-Lyons, Troy]  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL]Re: Conoco Inquiry

Kevin, that is correct. I think there might have been a mixed message about his Colorado visit. Sorry for the confusion!

Best,  
Maddy

**Madeline Morris** Executive Scheduler | Office of the Administrator | direct: 202-564-0844 | cell: **Ex. 6**

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**From:** Avery, Kevin J [mailto:Kevin.J.Avery@conocophillips.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 26, 2017 3:59 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>; Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Morris, Madeline <morris.madeline@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL]Re: Conoco Inquiry

Thank you, Tate. Just so that I am sure, the Administrator has no plans to be in Colorado to see our site next week? I am not sure that this has been communicated with Colorado.

KJA

**Kevin J. Avery**  
Manager, Federal Government Affairs  
ConocoPhillips  
325 7<sup>th</sup> Street, N.W., 12<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Washington, D.C. 20004

**Ex. 6** (Direct)  
(Mobile)

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**From:** Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 26, 2017 3:55 PM  
**To:** Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Avery, Kevin J <Kevin.J.Avery@conocophillips.com>; Morris, Madeline <morris.madeline@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Re: Conoco Inquiry

Hey Kevin! Not on the books this go but I'd certainly like to discuss next time we are in town for longer.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 26, 2017, at 2:53 PM, Lyons, Troy <[lyons.troy@epa.gov](mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov)> wrote:

Tate—an old colleague (and friend), Kevin Avery, just reached out because he heard the Administrator was visiting on of ConocoPhillip's sites in Colorado next week. I told Kevin I was not aware of that but would connect everyone in case this is still the case.

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**Troy M. Lyons**

Associate Administrator

Office of Congressional & Intergovernmental Relations

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

**Ex. 6** (cell)

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**From:** Ethan Mathews [Mathews@ncga.com]  
**Sent:** 7/19/2017 1:41:00 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, E]  
**Subject:** PPC meeting

Tate –

If you have a few minutes today I'd like to chat with you about the PPC meeting tomorrow. Let me know when/if you are available.

Ethan Mathews  
Director of Public Policy  
National Corn Growers Association  
20 F ST NW, Suite 600  
Washington, DC 20001  
[mathews@ncga.com](mailto:mathews@ncga.com)

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**From:** Ethan Mathews [Mathews@ncga.com]  
**Sent:** 8/3/2017 8:44:11 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group  
(FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, E]  
**Subject:** meetings with Administrator Pruitt

Tate –

Hope your August is treating you well.

I would like to pass on a request from my counterparts at Iowa Corn Growers Association (ICGA) for a meeting with Administrator Pruitt during his visit to Iowa next Tuesday. Iowa Corn's Animal Agriculture and Environment Committee and Industrial Usage and Production Committee will be meeting that day at the ICGA offices located at 5505 NW 88<sup>th</sup> St Johnston, IA just 15 minutes away from the Iowa Farm Bureau offices. These committees work on issues related to WOTUS, water quality, conservation, livestock regulation, energy and ethanol, and farm production issues. Their schedule is flexible that day, and they could host the Administrator immediately following his meeting at the IFBF office, including over the lunch hour. They would also be available from 8-10 am as well if that suits his schedule. As for the focus of the meeting, we would welcome Administrator Pruitt to meet with our farmers (approximately 30) to discuss opportunities for regulatory reform that affects corn grower profitability.

Ethan Mathews  
Director of Public Policy  
National Corn Growers Association  
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**From:** George Malvaney [george@malvaney.com]  
**Sent:** 7/14/2017 1:53:09 PM  
**To:** Morris, Madeline [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=f42c86b4a2044779972ac94e098f0304-Morris, Mad]  
**CC:** Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]; George Malvaney [george@malvaney.com]  
**Subject:** Mississippi Manufacturer's Assn  
**Attachments:** External Meeting Request Form\_6.12.17.docx

Good morning Madeline, thanks for your prompt reply. Attached is the form we sent in back in June.

If y'all need any additional information please contact me at your convenience. Thank you (and Tate) very much for helping us with this matter. We appreciate y'all very much.

George

**Ex. 6**

Sent from my iPhone



**External Meeting Request Form for  
Administrator E. Scott Pruitt**

**U.S. Environmental Protection Agency**

*To request the Administrator to attend and/or speak at your event, please complete and submit the following form.*

**Today's Date:** June 12, 2017

**Meeting Date:** October 12-13, 2017

**Meeting Time:** 8:00am-5:00pm (Oct. 12) & 8:00am-1:00pm (Oct 13)

**Requested Location (if offsite, please list address, parking instructions, etc.):**

*Pearl River Resort  
13550 Hwy. 16W, Choctaw, MS 39350  
Silver Star Conference Center*

**Requestor:** Mississippi Manufacturers Association

**Purpose of the Meeting:** Provide education and insight to environmental and safety professionals working in various industries from around the state of Mississippi.

**Background on the Meeting:** Annual Environmental and Safety Conference & Expo that will be attended by hundreds of environmental and safety professionals representing business and industry from all around our state.

**Role of the Administrator:** Provide the Keynote Address to kick off the conference.

**Attendees:** Approximately 200-250 Environmental & Safety managers from industrial facilities across the state. Also, nearly 50 vendors/consultants that do business with manufacturers will attend as part of the Expo.

**Point of Contact:** John McKay, Dep. Director of Government Affairs Ex. 6 (Office);  
Ex. 6 (Cell)

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**From:** Morris, Madeline [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=F42C86B4A2044779972AC94E098F0304-MORRIS, MAD]  
**Sent:** 7/14/2017 1:12:44 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]; George Malvaney [george@malvaney.com]  
**Subject:** RE: MS Manufacturers Ass'n - Speaking Request  
**Attachments:** External Meeting Request Form.docx

Morning George,

Just to get everything we need on the scheduling end, do you mind filling out the attached form?

Appreciate your help!

Best,  
Maddy

**Madeline Morris** Executive Scheduler | Office of the Administrator | direct: 202-564-0844 | cell: **Ex. 6**

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**From:** Bennett, Tate  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 13, 2017 4:08 PM  
**To:** George Malvaney <george@malvaney.com>  
**Cc:** Hupp, Sydney <hupp.sydney@epa.gov>; Morris, Madeline <morris.madeline@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: MS Manufacturers Ass'n - Speaking Request

Adding Maddie. We will discuss soon!

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 13, 2017, at 4:04 PM, George Malvaney <[george@malvaney.com](mailto:george@malvaney.com)> wrote:

Tate, hope all is starting to calm down for y'all. Drinking from two fire hoses is no fun. Maybe y'all are now down to a single fire hose.

I realize y'all have much going on and that it's difficult to plan far ahead. But it would be very helpful to our conference planning if we could get a hard commitment for a senior EPA Headquarters official to speak in October. We formally requested Administrator Pruitt, Samantha Dravis or another senior official. We don't necessarily need the name of a specific person right now but would like to firm up a senior official, if possible.

Thanks for y'all's help on this. And keep up the great work y'all are doing. I'm a former regulator from the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality so I appreciate the sacrifices y'all make.

George

**Ex. 6**

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 12, 2017, at 20:50, Bennett, Tate <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)> wrote:

Thanks! Shooting this to Sydney our scheduler.

On Jun 12, 2017, at 2:23 PM, Brian Sanderson <[bsanderson@rgppc.org](mailto:bsanderson@rgppc.org)> wrote:

Tate,

Thanks for your help last week and sending the forms for our friends at MS Manufacturers Association. Attached are the completed forms. I'm copying George Malvaney ([george@malvaney.com](mailto:george@malvaney.com)) here who can answer any details and be the point of contact going forward. Thanks again - Brian

**Brian W. Sanderson**

*Policy Director*

Republican Governors Public Policy Committee (RGPPC)

Republican Governors Association (RGA)

**Ex. 6** (mobile)

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**External Meeting Request Form for  
Administrator E. Scott Pruitt**

**U.S. Environmental Protection Agency**

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**Today's Date:**

**Meeting Date:**

**Meeting Time:**

**Requested Location (if offsite, please list address, parking instructions, etc.):**

**Requestor:**

**Purpose of the Meeting:**

**Background on the Meeting:**

**Role of the Administrator:**

**Attendees:**

**Point of Contact:**

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**From:** Kathy Bergren [Bergren@ncga.com]  
**Sent:** 7/5/2017 6:10:26 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, E]  
**Subject:** RE: Heads up: proposed RVO's coming today

Thank you, Tate.

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**From:** Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 5, 2017 11:21 AM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Cory, Preston (Katherine) <Cory.Preston@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Heads up: proposed RVO's coming today

Administrator Pruitt is likely signing a FR notice proposing 2018 renewable fuel standard volume levels later today. This is so EPA can stay on track to meet the Nov 30<sup>th</sup> statutory deadline to make the RVO's final for 2018.

Happy to chat further via phone- Ex. 6

-Tate

Elizabeth Tate Bennett  
Senior Deputy Associate Administrator  
Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs  
Office of the Administrator  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

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**From:** Kathy Bergren [Bergren@ncga.com]  
**Sent:** 6/26/2018 3:17:16 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, E]  
**Subject:** RE: Call today

Sure -- I'm in the office most of the day, other than a 1:30 meeting.

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Thanks!

-----Original Message-----

From: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>  
Sent: Tuesday, June 26, 2018 11:06 AM  
To: Kathy Bergren <Bergren@ncga.com>  
Subject: Call today

Hope you had a nice weekend. Is there a good time to give you a call today?  
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**From:** Kathy Bergren [Bergren@ncga.com]  
**Sent:** 6/21/2018 10:47:03 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, E]  
**Subject:** Re: ICYMI: Administrator Pruitt Wraps Up Week-Long Heartland Tour

Thanks for the call, Tate — appreciate it. Was on a flight but will try connect tomorrow. Have a nice evening!

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 21, 2018, at 4:35 PM, Bennett, Tate <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)> wrote:

Thanks, Kathy! Do you have a direct number?

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**From:** Kathy Bergren [<mailto:Bergren@ncga.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 21, 2018 11:46 AM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: ICYMI: Administrator Pruitt Wraps Up Week-Long Heartland Tour

Thanks for sharing the wrap-up, Tate. And congrats to you and Mark – hope all is going well so far!

We understand the Administrator may be in MO tomorrow, along with Secretary Perdue, so getting some additional questions from MO Corn about any possible announcement on the RVO or possible plans to reallocate exempted gallons. Understand there may not be a lot that can be share around the proposed rule, but if there is anything that you can share around the Missouri visit, I would appreciate it very much.

Kathy

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**From:** Bennett, Tate <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)>  
**Sent:** Sunday, June 17, 2018 3:12 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** ICYMI: Administrator Pruitt Wraps Up Week-Long Heartland Tour

All-

I just wanted to share the below press release in case you missed it last Friday. It's a wrap up of Administrator Pruitt's positive visits throughout rural America last week. Many educational, informative and meaningful discussions were held on an array of topics.

As always, let me know if you have any questions.

AND, Happy Father's Day to many of you!

Tate

**From:** "EPA Press Office" <[press@epa.gov](mailto:press@epa.gov)>  
**Date:** June 15, 2018 at 6:19:20 PM EDT  
**To:** "[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)" <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Administrator Pruitt Wraps Up Week-Long Heartland Tour  
**Reply-To:** [press@epa.gov](mailto:press@epa.gov)

## Administrator Pruitt Wraps Up Week-Long Heartland Tour

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**Omaha, NE** (June 15, 2018) — U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Scott Pruitt just wrapped up a tour across the heartland — meeting with farmers in Kansas, South Dakota, and Nebraska. Administrator Pruitt released the following statement:

“Our nation’s farmers are important partners to EPA in achieving positive environmental outcomes. After visiting communities in Kansas, South Dakota, and Nebraska, I will take perspectives shared with me back to Washington to continue working on meaningful solutions on important issues such as the Renewable Fuel Standard.”

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### WHAT THEY ARE SAYING

#### KANSAS

**Congressman Roger Marshall:** “Good to have Administrator Pruitt in Kansas and especially at an Ethanol plant where he could hear firsthand concerns about proposed changes to the RFS. I’m glad to see the EPA and this administration taking farmers concerns seriously and taking the time to hear from them firsthand. I’m also especially heartened by the discussion of progress on a sorghum Oil Biofuels Pathway.”

**Kansas Department of Agriculture Secretary Dr. Jackie McClaskey:** “We appreciate the opportunity to show the EPA administrator the important work being done in Kansas to protect natural resources while growing Kansas agriculture, and we look forward to continuing the conversation in the future. Communication with our federal partners is key to developing policy that meets the needs of Kansas farmers, ranchers and agribusiness.”

**Kansas Department of Health and Environment Secretary Jeff Andersen:** “We appreciate the opportunities provided by the Environmental Protection Agency to implement federal programs in ways that meet the needs of our state. We will continue to work with our State and federal partners, such as EPA, to identify innovative solutions to Kansas environmental concerns, such as smoke management and drinking water and wastewater system compliance.”

**Kansas Farm Bureau President Rich Felts:** “Administrator Pruitt visited Farm Bureau members in the Flint Hills region of Kansas today to see firsthand the need for prescribed wildland fire to maintain a native ecosystem of tallgrass prairie. Kansas



ranchers need a partner from regulators such as KDHE and EPA to ensure the centuries-old tradition of prairie fire continues to keep invasive trees and species at bay. We trust Administrator Pruitt and the Trump Administration will do everything in their power to ensure the Flint Hills region remains in native prairie and is not overcome with Eastern Red Cedar and other non-native plants.”

**East Kansas Agri-Energy President Bill Pracht:** “That today’s meeting with Administrator Pruitt far exceeded the scheduled time limit for the gathering speaks to the urgency of the uncertain conditions confronting East Kansas Agri-Energy and Kansas corn growers. This venue provided all of us a critical opportunity to explain exactly how EPA’s real and proposed actions directly impact East Kansas Agri-Energy and Kansas corn. We thank Mr. Pruitt for listening.”

**Butamax Advanced Biofuels, LLC CEO Jan Koninckx:** “Butamax welcomes the decision by the EPA, after thorough review of Butamax’s submission, to register isobutanol at 16% level as a gasoline additive. We believe that the combination of bio-isobutanol’s desirable fuel properties and Butamax’s production technology means that bio-isobutanol has the potential for widespread introduction into commerce.”

#### **SOUTH DAKOTA**

**NorthWestern Energy CEO Bob Rowe:** “We were honored to visit today with EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt and highlight our work to provide our customers in South Dakota, Nebraska and Montana secure, reliable and affordable electricity and natural gas. We rely on a diverse balance of fuel sources, including hydro, coal, natural gas, wind and solar, to serve our customers. We are committed to environmental stewardship in all aspects of our service. We support a thoughtful approach to energy policy that will allow us to continue to provide safe, reliable, affordable, and environmentally responsible essential services to the people and communities we serve.”

**South Dakota Cattlemen’s Association Executive Director Jodie Anderson:** “SDCA welcomes Administrator Pruitt to South Dakota to see first-hand the strong conservation ethic demonstrated by our state’s farmers and ranchers. We appreciate the opportunity to thank the Administrator directly for the work he has done thus far to roll back burdensome regulations, especially the Waters of the U.S. (WOTUS) rule. Landowners care for and about the land and other natural resources and we appreciate Administrator Pruitt’s actions, which acknowledge that more bureaucracy and government mandates do not necessarily equate to cleaner air and water.”

**Event Host and Farmer from Reliance, South Dakota, Adam Schindler:** “Our decision to host EPA Administrator Pruitt was a decision carefully weighed and decided. As a farmer and a leader, the significance of an opportunity to host a cabinet-level official who leads decisions authorized through the EPA that have a six-figure impact on our annual farm profitability and discuss what we like and do not like was a worthwhile

endeavor. It was a professional event with very frank discussion between producers and the Administrator about Renewable Fuels Standard concerns, the sorghum oil advanced biofuels pathway and other EPA decisions that impact South Dakota farmers and ranchers. We appreciate Administrator Pruitt for taking the time to listen to these concerns and challenges. The changes in blending obligations related to RFS waivers are costing South Dakota farmers millions of dollars and there are clear differences of opinion between the Administrator and agriculture on the impact of RIN prices on commodity prices. We hope to see the EPA take steps to resolve this issue and maintain the Administration's commitment to renewable fuels."

## **NEBRASKA**

**Nebraska Governor Pete Ricketts:** "Thank you to President Trump and Administrator Pruitt for delivering on your promise to roll back the job-killing WOTUS regulation. Today's announcement is the next step toward returning common sense to federal oversight of intra-state waterways. Removing this threat to our state's top job creators gives Nebraska the freedom to grow more opportunities for the next generation in the areas of agriculture and manufacturing."

**Mayor of Omaha Jean Stother:** "We work cooperatively with the EPA on many important projects. Today, I shared our plans for the Omaha Riverfront Revitalization project, which includes Lewis and Clark Landing, a former Superfund site. The work we are doing can be shared with other cities to redevelop these sites for new public use."

**Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality Director Jim Macy:** "This is the first time I've been able to pick up the phone and call EPA staff directly and elevate issues that need resolving. We thank Administrator Pruitt and his team for the cooperation as we work to achieve positive environmental outcomes for Nebraska."

**Green Plains CEO Todd Becker:** "We appreciate Administrator Pruitt taking the time to visit and learn more about the challenges and opportunities for the ethanol industry and the broader agriculture community. We will continue to work toward solutions that allow greater market access for ethanol in line with the President's commitment to rural America."

**Nebraska Cattlemen President Galen Frenzen:** "Producers are the original environmentalists, and we care deeply about our water and our land as that's our livelihood. If we are going to get our next generation home to the ranch, we need clarity and certainty regarding regulation. Nebraska's livestock industry needs a replacement rule that is common-sense and allows landowners to easily determine whether a WOTUS exists on our operation."

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## **REGIONAL COVERAGE**

**EPA Chief Scott Pruitt Visits Nebraska To Talk About Trump Administration's New Waters Of The United States Rule.** "Scott Pruitt met with a group called Common Sense Nebraska at the Nebraska Farm Bureau headquarters in Lincoln... He told the group that the EPA on Friday plans to propose a new set of rules about what constitutes a Water of the United States and therefore is subject to federal regulations. A previous proposal under then-President Barack Obama received intense criticism from agriculture groups that said it went too far. Pruitt described the upcoming proposal as 'regulatory reform' rather than 'deregulation.'" ([Omaha World-Herald](#), 6/15/2018)

**Administrator Pruitt Holds Round table With Farm Bureau In Lincoln.** "Scott Pruitt stopped by Farm Bureau to do a round table with the leaders of agriculture in Nebraska. He focused on the new bill for Waters Of The United States. The Trump administration is releasing the replacement of the definition of Waters Of The United States rule, also known as WOTUS. 'It's going to provide clarity to farmers and ranchers and folks all over the country with respect to how a federal jurisdiction begins and where it ends.' Pruitt said the old WOTUS Act treated farmers, ranchers and land owners not like partners, but adversaries." ([KLNTV](#), 6/14/2018)

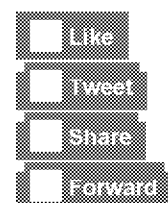
**Pruitt Meets With Ag Groups To Discuss WOTUS And E-15 Fuel Blends.** "Scott Pruitt, the Environmental Protection Agency administrator, visited the Cornhusker state on Thursday to meet with not only the governor, but with members of several agriculture groups. Among the topics discussed at Thursday's meeting, Pruitt spoke not only about the Waters of the U.S. rule, but also allowing E-15 fuel blends year round...Pruitt said changes are coming to WOTUS as soon as Friday." ([Nebraska TV](#), 6/14/2018)

**VIDEO: EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt Visits Kansas Ethanol Plant.** ([The High Plains Journal](#), 6/14/18)

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**Subject:** RE: Commerce Lex EPA Meeting - List of Attendees & Questions about Agenda

Good deal. No worries. I'll give you a call today.

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**From:** Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 06, 2017 9:36 PM  
**To:** Andi Johnson <ajohnson@commercelexington.com>  
**Cc:** Rusty.Ashcraft@arlp.com; Morris, Madeline <morris.madeline@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Commerce Lex EPA Meeting - List of Attendees & Questions about Agenda

Thank you! I think we nixed the Babbage gift (sorry about that!).

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**From:** Andi Johnson [mailto:ajohnson@commercelexington.com]  
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**To:** Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Rusty.Ashcraft@arlp.com; Morris, Madeline <morris.madeline@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Commerce Lex EPA Meeting - List of Attendees & Questions about Agenda

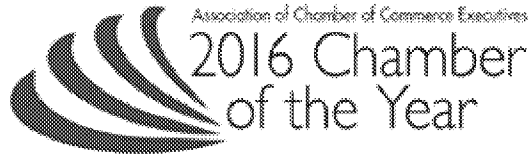
Hi Tate and Maddy,

Attached is the updated attendee list (37) as of today. The agenda you laid out is fine with us. I'm at my desk all day tomorrow so I'll give you a call. You and Rusty may have spoken this afternoon too. But, I'd like to reach out as well just to make sure we're all set. We can discuss the agenda, the questions, the Babbage gift and any other details. Thanks for all your help!

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**Sent:** Thursday, July 06, 2017 12:20 PM  
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**Cc:** [Rusty.Ashcraft@arlp.com](mailto:Rusty.Ashcraft@arlp.com); Morris, Madeline <[morris.madeline@epa.gov](mailto:morris.madeline@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Commerce Lex EPA Meeting - List of Attendees & Questions about Agenda

Hey Andi!

Thanks for sending this. Sydney moved home to OK, so email Maddy (cc'd) from now on for scheduling requests.

We would like to do a roundtable and he can kick off with an overview of what we are working on, and maybe leave time for one or two follow up questions. I'd love to speak with you or Rusty about that in advance pre-meeting **Ex. 6** **Ex. 6** when you have the time.

Also, what is the award Bob Babbage is talking about? Cabinet officials legally cannot accept most "awards" per EPA's counsel so I wanted to get some information on that. I know he'd be very appreciative, but I wanted to flesh that out with you first so as to avoid an embarrassing situation on our end where he may be offered an award he cannot legally accept! Thanks for your understanding there.

Thanks!

Tate

Elizabeth Tate Bennett  
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**From:** Andi Johnson [<mailto:ajohnson@commercelexington.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 5, 2017 5:37 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** [Rusty.Ashcraft@arlp.com](mailto:Rusty.Ashcraft@arlp.com)  
**Subject:** Commerce Lex EPA Meeting - List of Attendees & Questions about Agenda

Hi Tate,

Sorry for the delay. Attached is the list of Commerce Lexington's confirmed attendees (35) for the meeting with Administrator Pruitt on Wed, July 12 at 2:30 pm at the EPA. I'm waiting to hear back from Dave Moss and two mining companies. So, we might get as high as 38. As you can see, we will have a diverse delegation with representatives from coal, utilities, natural gas and other businesses concerned about regulatory impacts on low cost energy in Kentucky. I will send the final list to Sydney Hupp and Cheryl Woodward tomorrow. Cheryl has sent us detailed directions for

entering the building and going through security. She said she would be onsite to help guide us to the room location. I will include you on my correspondence with them tomorrow.

We are finalizing our policy priorities tomorrow morning so I will provide you with the detailed sections related to energy and environment issues. Some topics the group would like to discuss include:

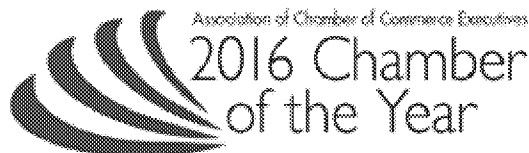
- Overview of the EPA's overall regulatory approach and strategies
  - o Support efforts to eliminate overly burdensome or duplicative environmental or energy regulatory primacy across agencies/states
  - o Support review process of all MOU's, MOA's related to environmental issues
  - o Support eliminating the use of guidance documents as requirements
  - o Support providing states with maximum flexibility in managing programs
- Update on implementation of 111 (b) and 111 (d) of the Clean Air Act
- Update on Waters of the US
- Update on Mercury Air Toxins Rule
- Timetable for regional administrator appointments

In terms of the meeting agenda, does Administrator Pruitt have a preference on how the meeting flows? Rusty and I were thinking it may be beneficial for this be an informal roundtable discussion. I thought Rusty could introduce Administrator Pruitt to the group and kick-off the discussion with a couple of questions to him. Then, Rusty and I can be prepared with questions to help guide the discussion – or open it up to Q&A with attendees. Would you like for us to prepare a meeting agenda? We're happy to do whatever works best and defer to your guidance.

Thanks for all your help. We are looking forward to the visit.

Andi

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**CC:** Morris, Madeline [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=f42c86b4a2044779972ac94e098f0304-Morris, Mad]; Cory, Preston (Katherine) [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=bfd80b15f6d04a3ba11fc8ca3c85bc50-Cory, Kathe]  
**Subject:** RE: email introduction re: July scheduling request with EPA Administrator Pruitt  
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Hi All –

If possible, can we add one additional person to the EPA meeting for Commerce Lex on Wed, July 12 at 2:30 pm? The addition would be: Jimmy Keeton representing Kentucky American Water. Attached is an updated list with his name listed. I apologize for the inconvenience.

Andi

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**From:** Woodward, Cheryl [mailto:Woodward.Cheryl@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 07, 2017 9:13 AM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>; Andi Johnson <ajohnson@commercelexington.com>  
**Cc:** Morris, Madeline <morris.madeline@epa.gov>; Cory, Preston (Katherine) <Cory.Preston@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: email introduction re: July scheduling request with EPA Administrator Pruitt

This will be terrific. No problem about coming by. I will have a pass ready for you Tuesday. You have the directions below but call me if you need anything. Have a good weekend.

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**From:** Bennett, Tate  
**Sent:** Friday, July 07, 2017 8:42 AM  
**To:** Andi Johnson <ajohnson@commercelexington.com>  
**Cc:** Woodward, Cheryl <Woodward.Cheryl@epa.gov>; Morris, Madeline <morris.madeline@epa.gov>; Cory, Preston (Katherine) <Cory.Preston@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: email introduction re: July scheduling request with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Hi again, Andi! Copying Preston Cory on my team to help coordinate / introduce herself during the walk through of the Green Room on the 11. Preston is a KY native and will be joining us in the meeting with the Administrator day of. She recently was a legislative assistant on Cap. hill for a TN member, and previously interned for McConnell and Guthrie. Figured you two need to meet beforehand anyways!

On Jul 6, 2017, at 7:48 PM, Andi Johnson <[ajohnson@commercelexington.com](mailto:ajohnson@commercelexington.com)> wrote:

Hi Cheryl,

Thank you for the detailed instructions. Attached is the list of Commerce Lexington attendees for the Wed, July 12 meeting with Administrator Pruitt at EPA at 2:30 pm. I just had a late addition tonight so we're at **38 attendees total**. Names and companies are listed. Please let me know if you have questions about this information.

I will be in DC on Tuesday, July 11 for meetings and to advance some of our site visits. Would you mind if I called you on July 11 when I arrive at EPA to advance where we enter the building just to touch base and meet face-to-face before our visit?

Andi

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**From:** Woodward, Cheryl [<mailto:Woodward.Cheryl@epa.gov>]

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 23, 2017 1:13 PM

**To:** Hupp, Sydney <[hupp.sydney@epa.gov](mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov)>; Andi Johnson <[ajohnson@commercelexington.com](mailto:ajohnson@commercelexington.com)>

**Cc:** Lynda Bebrowsky <[lbebrowsky@commercelexington.com](mailto:lbebrowsky@commercelexington.com)>

**Subject:** RE: email introduction re: July scheduling request with EPA Administrator Pruitt

My name is Cheryl Woodward and I will assist you in the logistics for your meeting at EPA on Wednesday, July 12 at 2:30 pm. The instructions/directions to EPA is below and if you have any questions please contact me. I will need your list of attendee's by July 5 close of business. Security will need to prepare passes after attendee's clear security screening and the process of our large group visitor goes very smoothly and quickly for escorting to the Administrator's reception area. Look forward to seeing you all.

**Directions:** If you come by Metro, the Federal Triangle metro stop is directly below the building entrances. You would leave the metro station and go up all three sets of escalators from the train otherwise two escalators then do a small U-Turn to the left heading toward 12<sup>th</sup> street, the South Lobby entrance is directly and immediately to your right (Glass Doors -EPA Signified on Glass).

EPA address is 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW. If you are coming by taxi/vehicle, you want to be dropped off on 12th NW, **which is between Pennsylvania and Constitution Avenue**. It is almost exactly half way between the two avenues on with Federal Triangle Metro sign and Trump Hotel Towers side entrance can be used as a landmark. From 12th Street, facing the building with the EPA and American flags, walk toward the building (under the flags) and take the glass door on your left hand side with the

escalators going down to the metro on your left. This again will be the **South Lobby of the William Jefferson Clinton building**.

Once inside the building, security will prompt you to scan all items such as bags, coats etc., and then let the guards know that you were instructed to call Cheryl Woodward at 564-1274 or Michelle Hale at 564-1430 to escort you to the meeting with the Administrator. Security will make temporary cards for everyone. Allow for 15 minutes to get through the process.

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**From:** Hupp, Sydney

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 23, 2017 1:07 PM

**To:** Andi Johnson <[ajohnson@commercelexington.com](mailto:ajohnson@commercelexington.com)>

**Cc:** Dickerson, Aaron <[dickerson.aaron@epa.gov](mailto:dickerson.aaron@epa.gov)>; Lynda Bebrowsky <[lbebrowsky@commercelexington.com](mailto:lbebrowsky@commercelexington.com)>; Woodward, Cheryl <[Woodward.Cheryl@epa.gov](mailto:Woodward.Cheryl@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: email introduction re: July scheduling request with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Of course! I am going to loop in Cheryl who can provide logistics for the day of. Yes, on names in advance, please.

Thank you!

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**Sent:** Tuesday, May 23, 2017 11:08 AM

**To:** Hupp, Sydney <[hupp.sydney@epa.gov](mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov)>

**Cc:** Dickerson, Aaron <[dickerson.aaron@epa.gov](mailto:dickerson.aaron@epa.gov)>; Lynda Bebrowsky <[lbebrowsky@commercelexington.com](mailto:lbebrowsky@commercelexington.com)>

**Subject:** RE: email introduction re: July scheduling request with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Thanks for your flexibility. We look forward to the visit on Wed, July 12 at 2:30 pm. In terms of questions about room set-up, we would like the meeting to be as interactive as possible. I defer to your judgement as to how the room is arranged given the space.

Please let us know what we need to do as it relates to security and entering the building. Some initial questions include:

- Do you need to know the names of attendees in advance? If so, what information do you need?
- What entrance do visitors need to use to enter the building? Will someone meet us in the lobby and direct us to the room location?

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**To:** Andi Johnson <[ajohnson@commercelexington.com](mailto:ajohnson@commercelexington.com)>  
**Cc:** Dickerson, Aaron <[dickerson.aaron@epa.gov](mailto:dickerson.aaron@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: email introduction re: July scheduling request with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Can do! Moved it on the calendar to 2:30 on the 12<sup>th</sup>.

Thanks!

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**To:** Hupp, Sydney <[hupp.sydney@epa.gov](mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: email introduction re: July scheduling request with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Sydney,

I am also trying to schedule a meeting/visit to DOT with Secretary Chao. Her office got back to me last night and requested Thursday, July 13 in the afternoon.

Before I work with them further, I wanted to double back with you to see if Wed, July 12 around 2:30 pm would be a possibility for us to travel to EPA to meet with Administrator Pruitt – rather than Thursday.

If not, we understand and I'll work with the Secretary Chao's office on timing. We might be able to complete two agency meetings on Thursday afternoon. Our flight leaves late out of DC.

I'm just trying to be aware of all my options as we put the pieces together that is our agenda puzzle!

I sincerely appreciate all your help on this request.

Andi

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**Sent:** Monday, May 22, 2017 3:51 PM

**To:** Andi Johnson <[ajohnson@commercelexington.com](mailto:ajohnson@commercelexington.com)>  
**Cc:** Woodward, Cheryl <[Woodward.Cheryl@epa.gov](mailto:Woodward.Cheryl@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: email introduction re: July scheduling request with EPA Administrator Pruitt

2:00PM it is! Looping in Cheryl for your security questions. On a group of 50, would you want him to speak to them or set it up mostly as a roundtable with some people in chairs to the side?

Thanks!

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**To:** Hupp, Sydney <[hupp.sydney@epa.gov](mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: email introduction re: July scheduling request with EPA Administrator Pruitt

This is great. To be on the safe side with travel, can we say 2 pm for the meeting start time? I received confirmation on Sen. Paul's time and it's 12:15 pm. I think having this extra 30 minutes will be better in case he is running late (which has happened every year).

How much time do you think we should allow for a group of 50 to get through security at EPA?

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1:30 works!

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Sydney,

Would it be possible to meet at EPA on Thursday, July 13 anytime after 1:30 pm? Would that still be an option?

I received scheduling requests back from Sen. McConnell and Sen. Paul and they've requested our group meet with them mid-morning through lunch on Thursday at the Capitol.

If it's easier to speak by phone, please let me know a good time to give you a call.

Andi

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We would love to host you at the EPA on July 13<sup>th</sup>! Mid-morning sound okay? Very flexible on timing. Are you wanting it to be a meeting or set up for him to speak?

Thank you!

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**Sydney Hupp**  
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**From:** Andi Johnson [<mailto:ajohnson@commercelexington.com>]

**Sent:** Friday, May 12, 2017 5:26 PM

**To:** Hupp, Sydney <[hupp.sydney@epa.gov](mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov)>; Rusty Ashcraft <[Rusty.Ashcraft@arlp.com](mailto:Rusty.Ashcraft@arlp.com)>

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**Subject:** RE: email introduction re: July scheduling request with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Sydney,

Great news! Right now, our schedule on Wednesday, July 12 and Thursday, July 13 is flexible. I've sent speaking requests to all the Kentucky delegation offices and to Secretary Chao. I'm waiting to hear back from them.

We have space reserved in the Capitol Visitors Center for both days from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Is there a time that you think would be better for Mr. Pruitt? Would he be traveling to us in the CVC or would you prefer our group hear from him at EPA?

Andi

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**Subject:** RE: email introduction re: July scheduling request with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Thank you all. It looks like this is something we can move forward on getting set up. Is there a specific time that day that we should be looking at?

Thank you!

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**Cc:** Bennett, Tate <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: email introduction re: July scheduling request with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Thank you, Sydney and Rusty. If there are any questions about the event, please feel free to reach out to me for more information.

I hope we're able to work this out!

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**From:** Rusty Ashcraft [mailto:Rusty.Ashcraft@arlp.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2017 2:01 PM  
**To:** Hupp, Sydney <hupp.sydney@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>; Andi Johnson <ajohnson@commercelexington.com>  
**Subject:** RE: email introduction re: July scheduling request with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Sydney

I hope you are well. Do you have any update on the appearance request by Commerce Lexington for Administrator Pruitt?

Thanks Rusty

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**From:** Rusty Ashcraft  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 13, 2017 10:48 AM  
**To:** 'Hupp, Sydney'  
**Cc:** Bennett, Tate; Witt, Ethan (McConnell); Conner, Katelyn (McConnell);  
ajohnson@commercelexington.com  
**Subject:** RE: email introduction re: July scheduling request with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Sydney

Thank you. I have attached the completed form. Please let me know if there are questions? Also, feel to invite the Administrator, Tate, et al to the Kentuckians in Washington Event at Union Station on July 12 from 6-7:30.

Thanks

Rusty Ashcraft  
Manager, Government Affairs & Environmental Policy  
Alliance Coal, LLC  
1146 Monarch Street  
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**From:** Hupp, Sydney [mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 12, 2017 3:34 PM  
**To:** Rusty Ashcraft  
**Cc:** Bennett, Tate; Witt, Ethan (McConnell); Conner, Katelyn (McConnell)  
**Subject:** RE: email introduction re: July scheduling request with EPA Administrator Pruitt

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Thank you! Rusty, I have attached a meeting request form. Would you please fill it out at your convenience and send back? Please let me know if you have any questions on it!

Thank you!



Sydney Hupp  
Office of the Administrator- Scheduling

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**From:** Rusty Ashcraft [<mailto:Rusty.Ashcraft@arl.gov>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 12, 2017 11:13 AM  
**To:** Conner, Katelyn (McConnell) <[Katelyn\\_Conner@mccconnell.senate.gov](mailto:Katelyn_Conner@mccconnell.senate.gov)>  
**Cc:** Hupp, Sydney <[hupp.sydney@epa.gov](mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov)>; Bennett, Tate <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)>; Witt, Ethan (McConnell) <[Ethan\\_Witt@mccconnell.senate.gov](mailto:Ethan_Witt@mccconnell.senate.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: email introduction re: July scheduling request with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Thank you for your assistance...

Rusty

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 12, 2017, at 9:09 AM, Conner, Katelyn (McConnell) <[Katelyn\\_Conner@mccconnell.senate.gov](mailto:Katelyn_Conner@mccconnell.senate.gov)> wrote:

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Rusty,  
Ethan Witt mentioned that you are interested in requesting a meeting with Administrator Pruitt when the Bluegrass Region Policy Group visits DC in July. I wanted to connect you with Sydney Hupp, who handles scheduling requests for the Administrator. She's your best contact for facilitating this request.

Please let our office know if you need anything else while you're in town. Hope all is well!

Best,  
Katelyn

Katelyn Conner  
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Message

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**From:** Andrew Bray [abray@pestworld.org]  
**Sent:** 7/19/2017 4:45:21 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group  
(FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, E]  
**Subject:** Automatic reply: PPC Meeting Thursday

I am currently out of the office at NPMA's Academy! I will have limited access to email. If you required immediate assistance please contact the NPMA H.Q. at Ex. 6



Message

**From:** Andi Johnson [ajohnson@commercelexington.com]  
**Sent:** 7/6/2017 11:46:37 PM  
**To:** Woodward, Cheryl [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=7a0d6a3af92640248638ca24fe87a777-Woodward, Cheryl]; Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]; Morris, Madeline [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=f42c86b4a2044779972ac94e098f0304-Morris, Mad]  
**Subject:** RE: email introduction re: July scheduling request with EPA Administrator Pruitt  
**Attachments:** EPA Meeting.xlsx

Hi Cheryl,

Thank you for the detailed instructions. Attached is the list of Commerce Lexington attendees for the Wed, July 12 meeting with Administrator Pruitt at EPA at 2:30 pm. I just had a late addition tonight so we're at **38 attendees total**. Names and companies are listed. Please let me know if you have questions about this information.

I will be in DC on Tuesday, July 11 for meetings and to advance some of our site visits. Would you mind if I called you on July 11 when I arrive at EPA to advance where we enter the building just to touch base and meet face-to-face before our visit?

Andi

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**From:** Woodward, Cheryl [mailto:Woodward.Cheryl@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 23, 2017 1:13 PM  
**To:** Hupp, Sydney <hupp.sydney@epa.gov>; Andi Johnson <ajohnson@commercelexington.com>  
**Cc:** Lynda Bebrowsky <lbebrowsky@commercelexington.com>  
**Subject:** RE: email introduction re: July scheduling request with EPA Administrator Pruitt

My name is Cheryl Woodward and I will assist you in the logistics for your meeting at EPA on Wednesday, July 12 at 2:30 pm. The instructions/directions to EPA is below and if you have any questions please contact me. I will need your list of attendee's by July 5 close of business. Security will need to prepare passes after attendee's clear security screening and the process of our large group visitor goes very smoothly and quickly for escorting to the Administrator's reception area. Look forward to seeing you all.

**Directions:** If you come by Metro, the Federal Triangle metro stop is directly below the building entrances. You would leave the metro station and go up all three sets of escalators from the train otherwise two escalators then do a small U-

Turn to the left heading toward 12<sup>th</sup> street, the South Lobby entrance is directly and immediately to your right (Glass Doors -EPA Signified on Glass).

EPA address is 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW. If you are coming by taxi/vehicle, you want to be dropped off on 12th NW, **which is between Pennsylvania and Constitution Avenue**. It is almost exactly half way between the two avenues on with Federal Triangle Metro sign and Trump Hotel Towers side entrance can be used as a landmark. From 12th Street, facing the building with the EPA and American flags, walk toward the building (under the flags) and take the glass door on your left hand side with the escalators going down to the metro on your left. This again will be the **South Lobby of the William Jefferson Clinton building**.

Once inside the building, security will prompt you to scan all items such as bags, coats etc., and then let the guards know that you were instructed to call Cheryl Woodward at 564-1274 or Michelle Hale at 564-1430 to escort you to the meeting with the Administrator. Security will make temporary cards for everyone. Allow for 15 minutes to get through the process.

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**From:** Hupp, Sydney

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 23, 2017 1:07 PM

**To:** Andi Johnson <[ajohnson@commercelexington.com](mailto:ajohnson@commercelexington.com)>

**Cc:** Dickerson, Aaron <[dickerson.aaron@epa.gov](mailto:dickerson.aaron@epa.gov)>; Lynda Bebrowsky <[lbebrowsky@commercelexington.com](mailto:lbebrowsky@commercelexington.com)>;

Woodward, Cheryl <[Woodward.Cheryl@epa.gov](mailto:Woodward.Cheryl@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: email introduction re: July scheduling request with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Of course! I am going to loop in Cheryl who can provide logistics for the day of. Yes, on names in advance, please.

Thank you!

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**Sydney Hupp**

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**From:** Andi Johnson [<mailto:ajohnson@commercelexington.com>]

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 23, 2017 11:08 AM

**To:** Hupp, Sydney <[hupp.sydney@epa.gov](mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov)>

**Cc:** Dickerson, Aaron <[dickerson.aaron@epa.gov](mailto:dickerson.aaron@epa.gov)>; Lynda Bebrowsky <[lbebrowsky@commercelexington.com](mailto:lbebrowsky@commercelexington.com)>

**Subject:** RE: email introduction re: July scheduling request with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Thanks for your flexibility. We look forward to the visit on Wed, July 12 at 2:30 pm. In terms of questions about room set-up, we would like the meeting to be as interactive as possible. I defer to your judgement as to how the room is arranged given the space.

Please let us know what we need to do as it relates to security and entering the building. Some initial questions include:

- Do you need to know the names of attendees in advance? If so, what information do you need?
- What entrance do visitors need to use to enter the building? Will someone meet us in the lobby and direct us to the room location?

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**Cc:** Dickerson, Aaron <[dickerson.aaron@epa.gov](mailto:dickerson.aaron@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: email introduction re: July scheduling request with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Can do! Moved it on the calendar to 2:30 on the 12<sup>th</sup>.

Thanks!

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**From:** Andi Johnson [<mailto:ajohnson@commercelexington.com>]

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 23, 2017 8:45 AM

**To:** Hupp, Sydney <[hupp.sydney@epa.gov](mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: email introduction re: July scheduling request with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Sydney,

I am also trying to schedule a meeting/visit to DOT with Secretary Chao. Her office got back to me last night and requested Thursday, July 13 in the afternoon.

Before I work with them further, I wanted to double back with you to see if Wed, July 12 around 2:30 pm would be a possibility for us to travel to EPA to meet with Administrator Pruitt – rather than Thursday.

If not, we understand and I'll work with the Secretary Chao's office on timing. We might be able to complete two agency meetings on Thursday afternoon. Our flight leaves late out of DC.

I'm just trying to be aware of all my options as we put the pieces together that is our agenda puzzle!

I sincerely appreciate all your help on this request.

Andi

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**From:** Hupp, Sydney [<mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 22, 2017 3:51 PM  
**To:** Andi Johnson <[ajohnson@commercelexington.com](mailto:ajohnson@commercelexington.com)>  
**Cc:** Woodward, Cheryl <[Woodward.Cheryl@epa.gov](mailto:Woodward.Cheryl@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: email introduction re: July scheduling request with EPA Administrator Pruitt

2:00PM it is! Looping in Cheryl for your security questions. On a group of 50, would you want him to speak to them or set it up mostly as a roundtable with some people in chairs to the side?

Thanks!

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**From:** Andi Johnson [<mailto:ajohnson@commercelexington.com>]  
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**To:** Hupp, Sydney <[hupp.sydney@epa.gov](mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: email introduction re: July scheduling request with EPA Administrator Pruitt

This is great. To be on the safe side with travel, can we say 2 pm for the meeting start time? I received confirmation on Sen. Paul's time and it's 12:15 pm. I think having this extra 30 minutes will be better in case he is running late (which has happened every year).

How much time do you think we should allow for a group of 50 to get through security at EPA?

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**From:** Hupp, Sydney [mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov]

**Sent:** Monday, May 22, 2017 3:12 PM

**To:** Andi Johnson <ajohnson@commercelexington.com>; Rusty Ashcraft <Rusty.Ashcraft@arlp.com>

**Cc:** Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>; Dickerson, Aaron <dickerson.aaron@epa.gov>

**Subject:** RE: email introduction re: July scheduling request with EPA Administrator Pruitt

1:30 works!

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Sydney,

Would it be possible to meet at EPA on Thursday, July 13 anytime after 1:30 pm? Would that still be an option?

I received scheduling requests back from Sen. McConnell and Sen. Paul and they've requested our group meet with them mid-morning through lunch on Thursday at the Capitol.

If it's easier to speak by phone, please let me know a good time to give you a call.

Andi

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**Subject:** RE: email introduction re: July scheduling request with EPA Administrator Pruitt

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Sydney,

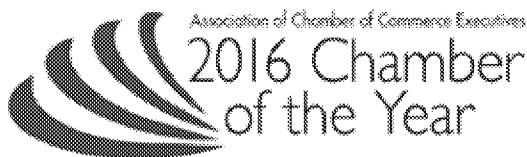
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**From:** Hupp, Sydney [<mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Friday, May 12, 2017 1:15 PM  
**To:** Andi Johnson <[ajohnson@commercelexington.com](mailto:ajohnson@commercelexington.com)>; Rusty Ashcraft <[Rusty.Ashcraft@arlp.com](mailto:Rusty.Ashcraft@arlp.com)>  
**Cc:** Bennett, Tate <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)>; Dickerson, Aaron <[dickerson.aaron@epa.gov](mailto:dickerson.aaron@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: email introduction re: July scheduling request with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Thank you all. It looks like this is something we can move forward on getting set up. Is there a specific time that day that we should be looking at?

Thank you!

**Sydney Hupp**  
Executive Scheduler  
Office of the Administrator

**Ex. 6** (c)

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**From:** Andi Johnson [<mailto:ajohnson@commercelexington.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2017 4:35 PM  
**To:** Rusty Ashcraft <[Rusty.Ashcraft@arl.p.com](mailto:Rusty.Ashcraft@arl.p.com)>; Hupp, Sydney <[hupp.sydney@epa.gov](mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Bennett, Tate <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: email introduction re: July scheduling request with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Thank you, Sydney and Rusty. If there are any questions about the event, please feel free to reach out to me for more information.

I hope we're able to work this out!

Andi Johnson  
Chief Policy Officer & Director of Regional Engagement  
Commerce Lexington, Inc.  
Office: **Ex. 6**  
Mobile:  
Email: [ajohnson@commercelexington.com](mailto:ajohnson@commercelexington.com)



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**From:** Rusty Ashcraft [<mailto:Rusty.Ashcraft@arl.p.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2017 2:01 PM  
**To:** Hupp, Sydney <[hupp.sydney@epa.gov](mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Bennett, Tate <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)>; Andi Johnson <[ajohnson@commercelexington.com](mailto:ajohnson@commercelexington.com)>  
**Subject:** RE: email introduction re: July scheduling request with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Sydney

I hope you are well. Do you have any update on the appearance request by Commerce Lexington for Administrator Pruitt?

Thanks Rusty

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**From:** Rusty Ashcraft  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 13, 2017 10:48 AM  
**To:** 'Hupp, Sydney'  
**Cc:** Bennett, Tate; Witt, Ethan (McConnell); Conner, Katelyn (McConnell); [ajohnson@commercelexington.com](mailto:ajohnson@commercelexington.com)  
**Subject:** RE: email introduction re: July scheduling request with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Sydney

Thank you. I have attached the completed form. Please let me know if there are questions? Also, feel to invite the Administrator, Tate, et al to the Kentuckians in Washington Event at Union Station on July 12 from 6-7:30.

Thanks

Rusty Ashcraft  
Manager, Government Affairs & Environmental Policy  
Alliance Coal, LLC  
1146 Monarch Street  
Lexington, KY 40513  
Office: **Ex. 6**  
Cell: **Ex. 6**

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**From:** Hupp, Sydney [<mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 12, 2017 3:34 PM  
**To:** Rusty Ashcraft  
**Cc:** Bennett, Tate; Witt, Ethan (McConnell); Conner, Katelyn (McConnell)  
**Subject:** RE: email introduction re: July scheduling request with EPA Administrator Pruitt

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Thank you! Rusty, I have attached a meeting request form. Would you please fill it out at your convenience and send back? Please let me know if you have any questions on it!

Thank you!

Sydney Hupp  
Office of the Administrator- Scheduling  
**Ex. 6**

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**From:** Rusty Ashcraft [<mailto:Rusty.Ashcraft@arlp.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 12, 2017 11:13 AM  
**To:** Conner, Katelyn (McConnell) <[Katelyn\\_Conner@mcconnell.senate.gov](mailto:Katelyn_Conner@mcconnell.senate.gov)>  
**Cc:** Hupp, Sydney <[hupp.sydney@epa.gov](mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov)>; Bennett, Tate <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)>; Witt, Ethan (McConnell) <[Ethan\\_Witt@mcconnell.senate.gov](mailto:Ethan_Witt@mcconnell.senate.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: email introduction re: July scheduling request with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Thank you for your assistance...

Rusty

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 12, 2017, at 9:09 AM, Conner, Katelyn (McConnell) <[Katelyn\\_Conner@mcconnell.senate.gov](mailto:Katelyn_Conner@mcconnell.senate.gov)> wrote:

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Rusty,



Ethan Witt mentioned that you are interested in requesting a meeting with Administrator Pruitt when the Bluegrass Region Policy Group visits DC in July. I wanted to connect you with Sydney Hupp, who handles scheduling requests for the Administrator. She's your best contact for facilitating this request.

Please let our office know if you need anything else while you're in town. Hope all is well!

Best,  
Katelyn

Katelyn Conner  
Legislative Assistant  
Senator Mitch McConnell  
317 Russell Senate Office Building  
P: Ex. 6  
[katelyn\\_conner@mcconnell.senate.gov](mailto:katelyn_conner@mcconnell.senate.gov)

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Message

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**From:** Kathy Bergren [Bergren@ncga.com]  
**Sent:** 7/5/2017 3:21:12 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, E]  
**Subject:** Automatic reply: Heads up: proposed RVO's coming today

I will be out of the office from Monday, July 3 through Friday, July 7. While I will check email periodically, if you need immediate assistance, please call the NCGA office at Ex. 6

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**From:** Morris, Madeline [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=F42C86B4A2044779972AC94E098F0304-MORRIS, MAD]  
**Sent:** 7/14/2017 4:40:53 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, E]  
**CC:** George Malvaney [george@malvaney.com]  
**Subject:** Re: MS Manufacturers Ass'n - Speaking Request

George and I talked. And he sent it to me. So we are all set!

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 14, 2017, at 12:33 PM, Bennett, Tate <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)> wrote:

I believe he had and Sydney had it.

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**From:** Morris, Madeline  
**Sent:** Friday, July 14, 2017 9:13 AM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)>; George Malvaney <[george@malvaney.com](mailto:george@malvaney.com)>  
**Subject:** RE: MS Manufacturers Ass'n - Speaking Request

Morning George,

Just to get everything we need on the scheduling end, do you mind filling out the attached form?

Appreciate your help!

Best,  
Maddy

**Madeline Morris** Executive Scheduler | Office of the Administrator | direct: 202-564-0844 | cell: **Ex. 6**

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**From:** Bennett, Tate  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 13, 2017 4:08 PM  
**To:** George Malvaney <[george@malvaney.com](mailto:george@malvaney.com)>  
**Cc:** Hupp, Sydney <[hupp.sydney@epa.gov](mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov)>; Morris, Madeline <[madeline.morris@epa.gov](mailto:madeline.morris@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: MS Manufacturers Ass'n - Speaking Request

Adding Maddie. We will discuss soon!

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 13, 2017, at 4:04 PM, George Malvaney <[george@malvaney.com](mailto:george@malvaney.com)> wrote:

Tate, hope all is starting to calm down for y'all. Drinking from two fire hoses is no fun. Maybe y'all are now down to a single fire hose.



I realize y'all have much going on and that it's difficult to plan far ahead. But it would be very helpful to our conference planning if we could get a hard commitment for a senior EPA Headquarters official to speak in October. We formally requested Administrator Pruitt, Samantha Dravis or another senior official. We don't necessarily need the name of a specific person right now but would like to firm up a senior official, if possible.

Thanks for y'all's help on this. And keep up the great work y'all are doing. I'm a former regulator from the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality so I appreciate the sacrifices y'all make.

George

**Ex. 6**

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 12, 2017, at 20:50, Bennett, Tate <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)> wrote:

Thanks! Shooting this to Sydney our scheduler.

On Jun 12, 2017, at 2:23 PM, Brian Sanderson <[bsanderson@rgppc.org](mailto:bsanderson@rgppc.org)> wrote:

Tate,

Thanks for your help last week and sending the forms for our friends at MS Manufacturers Association. Attached are the completed forms. I'm copying George Malvaney ([george@malvaney.com](mailto:george@malvaney.com)) here who can answer any details and be the point of contact going forward. Thanks again - Brian

**Brian W. Sanderson**

*Policy Director*

Republican Governors Public Policy Committee (RGPPC)

Republican Governors Association (RGA)

**Ex. 6** (mobile)

[BSanderson@rgppc.org](mailto:BSanderson@rgppc.org)

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<EPA Administrator Pruitt Speaker Request  
Form\_6.12.17.docx>

Message

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**From:** Brian Sanderson [bsanderson@rgppc.org]  
**Sent:** 6/12/2017 6:23:50 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, E]  
**CC:** george@malvaney.com  
**Subject:** MS Manufacturers Ass'n - Speaking Request  
**Attachments:** External Meeting Request Form\_6.12.17.docx; EPA Administrator Pruitt Speaker Request Form\_6.12.17.docx

Tate,

Thanks for your help last week and sending the forms for our friends at MS Manufacturers Association. Attached are the completed forms. I'm copying George Malvaney ([george@malvaney.com](mailto:george@malvaney.com)) here who can answer any details and be the point of contact going forward. Thanks again - Brian

**Brian W. Sanderson**

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## ADMINISTRATOR SCOTT PRUITT EVENT REQUEST FORM U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

**Deadline for Acceptance:** Early September 2017

**Requesting Individual / Affiliation:** Mississippi Manufacturers Association – John McKay

**Event Title:** MMA Environmental & Safety Conference & Expo

**Event Date:** October 12-13, 2017

**Is the Above Date Flexible:** No

**Event Time & Duration:** 8:00am–5:00pm (Oct. 12) & 8:00am–1:00pm (Oct 13)

**Type of Event:** Conference

**Purpose of the Event:** Annual meeting of EHS professionals from around the state of Mississippi.

**Role of the Administrator:** Speaking Engagement (Keynote)

**Requested Presentation Topic, if Speaking Involved:** EPA Policy Priorities in the New Administration

**Requested Presentation Format:** Keynote Address with brief Q&A

**Speech/Presentation Duration:** 1 Hour (Approx. 45-50 min. address; 5-10 min. Q&A)

**Would You Consider a Surrogate:** Yes

**Event Location:** Pearl River Resort  
13550 Hwy. 16W, Choctaw, MS 39350  
(866) 477-3275  
Silver Star Conference Center

**Event Audience:** 200-250 Environmental & Safety managers from industrial facilities across the state. Also, nearly 50 vendors/consultants that do business with manufacturers.

**Event Host(s)/ Organizer(s):** Mississippi Manufacturers Association

**Host(s)' Relationship to EPA:** Trade Association representing the regulated community.

**Run of Show/ Agenda:** Still in planning stage. Can provide agenda in coming weeks.



## ADMINISTRATOR SCOTT PRUITT EVENT REQUEST FORM U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Is there a Hold Room Available for the Administrator?

Yes

Open Press/Closed Press?

Closed Press

Dress Code:

Resort Casual

Teleprompter Available:

No

Microphone / Room Setup:

Riser platform with wired mic/podium. Lapel and wireless mic available as well.

Honorable Guests Attending:

Sen. Roger Wicker (invited)

Notable Federal, State or Local Appointed or Elected officials attending:

Sen. Roger Wicker (invited)

Individual Introducing Administrator:

Jay C. Moon, CECD, FM, HLM  
President and CEO

Person to contact for media purposes:

Anna Thorn, Dir. Of Communications, Ex. 6  
(Office); Ex. 6 (Cell)

Is this event held Weekly, Monthly, Annually?

Annually

Day of Event Point of Contact:

John McKay, Dep. Director of Govt. Affairs; Ex. 6  
Ex. 6 (Cell)

Security Contact:

Name & Title; Email; Office Number, Cell Number

Suggested Entrance/ Exit to Event Venue:

Main Entrance to Conference Center

Is the host of the event a registered 501(c)(3), (4), or has a 527 Political Action Committee (PAC):

MMA is a 501(c)(6) non-profit

Will there be a "gift" presented to the Administrator? If so, what is the US currency value of the gift?

Yes; less than \$50

Will a meal be provided, if so what is the US currency value?

Yes; less than \$25



# **ADMINISTRATOR SCOTT PRUITT EVENT REQUEST FORM**

## **U.S. Environmental Protection Agency**

*Please return this form completed to [scheduling@epa.gov](mailto:scheduling@epa.gov) and Sydney Hupp  
([hupp.sydney@epa.gov](mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov)).*

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**External Meeting Request Form for  
Administrator E. Scott Pruitt**

**U.S. Environmental Protection Agency**

*To request the Administrator to attend and/or speak at your event, please complete and submit the following form.*

**Today's Date:** June 12, 2017

**Meeting Date:** October 12-13, 2017

**Meeting Time:** 8:00am–5:00pm (Oct. 12) & 8:00am–1:00pm (Oct 13)

**Requested Location (if offsite, please list address, parking instructions, etc.):**

*Pearl River Resort  
13550 Hwy. 16W, Choctaw, MS 39350  
Silver Star Conference Center*

**Requestor:** Mississippi Manufacturers Association

**Purpose of the Meeting:** Provide education and insight to environmental and safety professionals working in various industries from around the state of Mississippi.

**Background on the Meeting:** Annual Environmental and Safety Conference & Expo that will be attended by hundreds of environmental and safety professionals representing business and industry from all around our state.

**Role of the Administrator:** Provide the Keynote Address to kick off the conference.

**Attendees:** Approximately 200-250 Environmental & Safety managers from industrial facilities across the state. Also, nearly 50 vendors/consultants that do business with manufacturers will attend as part of the Expo.

**Point of Contact:** John McKay, Dep. Director of Government Affairs, Ex. 6 (Office);  
Ex. 6 (Cell)

Message

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**From:** Jim Fredericks [jfredericks@pestworld.org]  
**Sent:** 6/20/2017 7:05:10 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, E]  
**CC:** Dominique Stumpf [dstumpf@pestworld.org]; Andrew Bray [abray@pestworld.org]; Andrew Architect [aarchitect@pestworld.org]  
**Subject:** RE: WOTUS Update- Call Opportunity

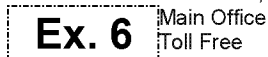
Tate,

Thanks for reaching out. Dominique forwarded your message. Thanks for taking the time last month to meet me and my colleague, Andrew Bray. We would be happy to follow up on our conversation with regard to WOTUS via telephone or in person. Just let us know what's best.

Regards,  
Jim

**Jim Fredericks, Ph.D.**

Vice President, Technical and Regulatory Affairs, National Pest Management Association  
Executive Director, Pest Management Foundation  
10460 North Street Fairfax, VA 22030



**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Academy | July 19-21 | Scottsdale, AZ  
Mid-Atlantic/Carolinas Summer Conference | July 27-29 | Myrtle Beach, SC  
PestWorld 2017 | October 24-27 | Baltimore, MD

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Bennett, Tate" <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>  
**Date:** June 20, 2017 at 9:50:26 AM EDT  
**To:** "Bennett, Tate" <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** **WOTUS Update- Call Opportunity**

Hi there!

Knowing of your industry's interest in this important issue, I wanted to extend an opportunity for a quick phone update and also a chance for me to introduce myself as one of your liaisons at EPA. Feel free to give me a shout.

202-564-1460 is my direct.

Elizabeth Tate Bennett  
Senior Deputy Associate Administrator  
Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs  
Office of the Administrator  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Message

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**From:** Gary Van Sickle [gary@specialtycrops.org]  
**Sent:** 6/21/2017 5:50:13 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, E]  
**Subject:** RE: WOTUS Update- Call Opportunity

We are very concerned about several re-registrations that are currently taking place, including several pyrethroids, phosmet and several neonicotinoids.

Regards,  
Gary

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**From:** Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 21, 2017 10:13 AM  
**To:** Gary Van Sickle <gary@specialtycrops.org>  
**Subject:** Re: WOTUS Update- Call Opportunity

I am a utility player. Is there a specific issue you are having?

On Jun 21, 2017, at 12:55 PM, Gary Van Sickle <gary@specialtycrops.org> wrote:

Good afternoon Tate,

What areas will you be working with? While WOTUS is important to us, so are pesticide issues. Will you be dealing with them?

Regards,  
Gary

Gary W. Van Sickle  
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Website: <http://specialtycrops.org>

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**From:** Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 20, 2017 6:50 AM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** WOTUS Update- Call Opportunity

Hi there!



Knowing of your industry's interest in this important issue, I wanted to extend an opportunity for a quick phone update and also a chance for me to introduce myself as one of your liaisons at EPA. Feel free to give me a shout.

202-564-1460 is my direct.

Elizabeth Tate Bennett  
Senior Deputy Associate Administrator  
Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs  
Office of the Administrator  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

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Message

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**From:** Devin Mogler, Green Plains Inc. [Devin.Mogler@gpreinc.com]  
**Sent:** 6/22/2018 3:36:21 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]  
**Subject:** RE: shot in the dark here

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Devin

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**From:** Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Friday, June 22, 2018 11:35 AM  
**To:** Devin Mogler, Green Plains Inc. <Devin.Mogler@gpreinc.com>  
**Subject:** Re: shot in the dark here

What is your cell?

On Jun 22, 2018, at 11:32 AM, Devin Mogler, Green Plains Inc. <Devin.Mogler@gpreinc.com> wrote:

Sure thing! I could meet up today – free before 1:00 and after 1:30.

Devin

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**From:** Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Friday, June 22, 2018 11:19 AM  
**To:** Devin Mogler, Green Plains Inc. <Devin.Mogler@gpreinc.com>  
**Subject:** shot in the dark here

Do you have time to meet or grab coffee either today or late next week?

Elizabeth Tate Bennett  
Associate Administrator for Public Engagement & Environmental Education  
Office of the Administrator  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
(202) 564-1460  
[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)

Message

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**From:** Cory, Preston (Katherine) [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=BFD80B15F6D04A3BA11FC8CA3C85BC50-CORY, KATHE]  
**Sent:** 7/10/2017 3:25:17 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]; Andi Johnson [ajohnson@commercelexington.com]  
**Subject:** RE: email introduction re: July scheduling request with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Hi Andi,

If you need assistance with anything or have trouble finding the location, please feel free to call me on my cell at **Ex. 6**.  
**Ex. 6** I look forward to meeting you and the rest of Commerce Lexington on Wednesday!

Best,  
Preston

**K. Preston Cory**  
Special Assistant  
Office of the Administrator, Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
O: (202) 564-1747  
C: **Ex. 6**

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**From:** Woodward, Cheryl  
**Sent:** Friday, July 7, 2017 9:13 AM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>; Andi Johnson <ajohnson@commercelexington.com>  
**Cc:** Morris, Madeline <morris.madeline@epa.gov>; Cory, Preston (Katherine) <Cory.Preston@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: email introduction re: July scheduling request with EPA Administrator Pruitt

This will be terrific. No problem about coming by. I will have a pass ready for you Tuesday. You have the directions below but call me if you need anything. Have a good weekend.

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**From:** Bennett, Tate  
**Sent:** Friday, July 07, 2017 8:42 AM  
**To:** Andi Johnson <ajohnson@commercelexington.com>  
**Cc:** Woodward, Cheryl <Woodward.Cheryl@epa.gov>; Morris, Madeline <morris.madeline@epa.gov>; Cory, Preston (Katherine) <Cory.Preston@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: email introduction re: July scheduling request with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Hi again, Andi! Copying Preston Cory on my team to help coordinate / introduce herself during the walk through of the Green Room on the 11. Preston is a KY native and will be joining us in the meeting with the Administrator day of. She recently was a legislative assistant on Cap. hill for a TN member, and previously interned for McConnell and Guthrie. Figured you two need to meet beforehand anyways!

On Jul 6, 2017, at 7:48 PM, Andi Johnson <ajohnson@commercelexington.com> wrote:

Hi Cheryl,

Thank you for the detailed instructions. Attached is the list of Commerce Lexington attendees for the Wed, July 12 meeting with Administrator Pruitt at EPA at 2:30 pm. I just had a late addition tonight so

we're at **38 attendees total**. Names and companies are listed. Please let me know if you have questions about this information.

I will be in DC on Tuesday, July 11 for meetings and to advance some of our site visits. Would you mind if I called you on July 11 when I arrive at EPA to advance where we enter the building just to touch base and meet face-to-face before our visit?

Andi

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**From:** Woodward, Cheryl [<mailto:Woodward.Cheryl@epa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 23, 2017 1:13 PM  
**To:** Hupp, Sydney <[hupp.sydney@epa.gov](mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov)>; Andi Johnson <[ajohnson@commercelexington.com](mailto:ajohnson@commercelexington.com)>  
**Cc:** Lynda Bebrowsky <[lbebrowsky@commercelexington.com](mailto:lbebrowsky@commercelexington.com)>  
**Subject:** RE: email introduction re: July scheduling request with EPA Administrator Pruitt

My name is Cheryl Woodward and I will assist you in the logistics for your meeting at EPA on Wednesday, July 12 at 2:30 pm. The instructions/directions to EPA is below and if you have any questions please contact me. I will need your list of attendee's by July 5 close of business. Security will need to prepare passes after attendee's clear security screening and the process of our large group visitor goes very smoothly and quickly for escorting to the Administrator's reception area. Look forward to seeing you all.

**Directions:** If you come by Metro, the Federal Triangle metro stop is directly below the building entrances. You would leave the metro station and go up all three sets of escalators from the train otherwise two escalators then do a small U-Turn to the left heading toward 12<sup>th</sup> street, the South Lobby entrance is directly and immediately to your right (Glass Doors -EPA Signified on Glass).

EPA address is 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW. If you are coming by taxi/vehicle, you want to be dropped off on 12th NW, **which is between Pennsylvania and Constitution Avenue**. It is almost exactly half way between the two avenues on with Federal Triangle Metro sign and Trump Hotel Towers side entrance can be used as a landmark. From 12th Street, facing the building with the EPA and American flags, walk toward the building (under the flags) and take the glass door on your left hand side with the escalators going down to the metro on your left. This again will be the **South Lobby of the William Jefferson Clinton building**.

Once inside the building, security will prompt you to scan all items such as bags, coats etc., and then let the guards know that you were instructed to call Cheryl Woodward at 564-1274 or Michelle Hale at 564-1430 to escort you to the meeting with the Administrator. Security will make temporary cards for everyone. Allow for 15 minutes to get through the process.

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**From:** Hupp, Sydney  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 23, 2017 1:07 PM  
**To:** Andi Johnson <[ajohnson@commercelexington.com](mailto:ajohnson@commercelexington.com)>

**Cc:** Dickerson, Aaron <[dickerson.aaron@epa.gov](mailto:dickerson.aaron@epa.gov)>; Lynda Bebrowsky <[lbebrowsky@commercelexington.com](mailto:lbebrowsky@commercelexington.com)>; Woodward, Cheryl <[Woodward.Cheryl@epa.gov](mailto:Woodward.Cheryl@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: email introduction re: July scheduling request with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Of course! I am going to loop in Cheryl who can provide logistics for the day of. Yes, on names in advance, please.

Thank you!

**Sydney Hupp**  
Executive Scheduler  
Office of the Administrator  
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**From:** Andi Johnson [<mailto:ajohnson@commercelexington.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 23, 2017 11:08 AM  
**To:** Hupp, Sydney <[hupp.sydney@epa.gov](mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Dickerson, Aaron <[dickerson.aaron@epa.gov](mailto:dickerson.aaron@epa.gov)>; Lynda Bebrowsky <[lbebrowsky@commercelexington.com](mailto:lbebrowsky@commercelexington.com)>  
**Subject:** RE: email introduction re: July scheduling request with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Thanks for your flexibility. We look forward to the visit on Wed, July 12 at 2:30 pm. In terms of questions about room set-up, we would like the meeting to be as interactive as possible. I defer to your judgement as to how the room is arranged given the space.

Please let us know what we need to do as it relates to security and entering the building. Some initial questions include:

- Do you need to know the names of attendees in advance? If so, what information do you need?
- What entrance do visitors need to use to enter the building? Will someone meet us in the lobby and direct us to the room location?

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**From:** Hupp, Sydney [<mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 23, 2017 9:37 AM  
**To:** Andi Johnson <[ajohnson@commercelexington.com](mailto:ajohnson@commercelexington.com)>  
**Cc:** Dickerson, Aaron <[dickerson.aaron@epa.gov](mailto:dickerson.aaron@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: email introduction re: July scheduling request with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Can do! Moved it on the calendar to 2:30 on the 12<sup>th</sup>.

Thanks!

**Sydney Hupp**  
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Office of the Administrator

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**From:** Andi Johnson [<mailto:ajohnson@commercelexington.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 23, 2017 8:45 AM  
**To:** Hupp, Sydney <[hupp.sydney@epa.gov](mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: email introduction re: July scheduling request with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Sydney,

I am also trying to schedule a meeting/visit to DOT with Secretary Chao. Her office got back to me last night and requested Thursday, July 13 in the afternoon.

Before I work with them further, I wanted to double back with you to see if Wed, July 12 around 2:30 pm would be a possibility for us to travel to EPA to meet with Administrator Pruitt – rather than Thursday.

If not, we understand and I'll work with the Secretary Chao's office on timing. We might be able to complete two agency meetings on Thursday afternoon. Our flight leaves late out of DC.

I'm just trying to be aware of all my options as we put the pieces together that is our agenda puzzle!

I sincerely appreciate all your help on this request.

Andi

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**From:** Hupp, Sydney [<mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 22, 2017 3:51 PM  
**To:** Andi Johnson <[ajohnson@commercelexington.com](mailto:ajohnson@commercelexington.com)>  
**Cc:** Woodward, Cheryl <[Woodward.Cheryl@epa.gov](mailto:Woodward.Cheryl@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: email introduction re: July scheduling request with EPA Administrator Pruitt

2:00PM it is! Looping in Cheryl for your security questions. On a group of 50, would you want him to speak to them or set it up mostly as a roundtable with some people in chairs to the side?

Thanks!

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**Sydney Hupp**  
Executive Scheduler

Office of the Administrator

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**From:** Andi Johnson [<mailto:ajohnson@commercelexington.com>]

**Sent:** Monday, May 22, 2017 3:31 PM

**To:** Hupp, Sydney <[hupp.sydney@epa.gov](mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: email introduction re: July scheduling request with EPA Administrator Pruitt

This is great. To be on the safe side with travel, can we say 2 pm for the meeting start time? I received confirmation on Sen. Paul's time and it's 12:15 pm. I think having this extra 30 minutes will be better in case he is running late (which has happened every year).

How much time do you think we should allow for a group of 50 to get through security at EPA?

Andi Johnson

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Commerce Lexington, Inc.

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**From:** Hupp, Sydney [<mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov>]

**Sent:** Monday, May 22, 2017 3:12 PM

**To:** Andi Johnson <[ajohnson@commercelexington.com](mailto:ajohnson@commercelexington.com)>; Rusty Ashcraft <[Rusty.Ashcraft@arlp.com](mailto:Rusty.Ashcraft@arlp.com)>

**Cc:** Bennett, Tate <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)>; Dickerson, Aaron <[dickerson.aaron@epa.gov](mailto:dickerson.aaron@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: email introduction re: July scheduling request with EPA Administrator Pruitt

1:30 works!

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**Sydney Hupp**

Executive Scheduler

Office of the Administrator

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**From:** Andi Johnson [<mailto:ajohnson@commercelexington.com>]

**Sent:** Monday, May 22, 2017 10:45 AM

**To:** Hupp, Sydney <[hupp.sydney@epa.gov](mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov)>; Rusty Ashcraft <[Rusty.Ashcraft@arlp.com](mailto:Rusty.Ashcraft@arlp.com)>

**Cc:** Bennett, Tate <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)>; Dickerson, Aaron <[dickerson.aaron@epa.gov](mailto:dickerson.aaron@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: email introduction re: July scheduling request with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Sydney,

Would it be possible to meet at EPA on Thursday, July 13 anytime after 1:30 pm? Would that still be an option?

I received scheduling requests back from Sen. McConnell and Sen. Paul and they've requested our group meet with them mid-morning through lunch on Thursday at the Capitol.

If it's easier to speak by phone, please let me know a good time to give you a call.

Andi

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**From:** Hupp, Sydney [<mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 15, 2017 3:39 PM  
**To:** Andi Johnson <[ajohnson@commercelexington.com](mailto:ajohnson@commercelexington.com)>; Rusty Ashcraft <[Rusty.Ashcraft@arlp.com](mailto:Rusty.Ashcraft@arlp.com)>  
**Cc:** Bennett, Tate <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)>; Dickerson, Aaron <[dickerson.aaron@epa.gov](mailto:dickerson.aaron@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: email introduction re: July scheduling request with EPA Administrator Pruitt

We would love to host you at the EPA on July 13<sup>th</sup>! Mid-morning sound okay? Very flexible on timing. Are you wanting it to be a meeting or set up for him to speak?

Thank you!

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**Sydney Hupp**  
Executive Scheduler  
Office of the Administrator  
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**From:** Andi Johnson [<mailto:ajohnson@commercelexington.com>]  
**Sent:** Friday, May 12, 2017 5:26 PM  
**To:** Hupp, Sydney <[hupp.sydney@epa.gov](mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov)>; Rusty Ashcraft <[Rusty.Ashcraft@arlp.com](mailto:Rusty.Ashcraft@arlp.com)>  
**Cc:** Bennett, Tate <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)>; Dickerson, Aaron <[dickerson.aaron@epa.gov](mailto:dickerson.aaron@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: email introduction re: July scheduling request with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Sydney,

Great news! Right now, our schedule on Wednesday, July 12 and Thursday, July 13 is flexible. I've sent speaking requests to all the Kentucky delegation offices and to Secretary Chao. I'm waiting to hear back from them.

We have space reserved in the Capitol Visitors Center for both days from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Is there a time that you think would be better for Mr. Pruitt? Would he be traveling to us in the CVC or would you prefer our group hear from him at EPA?

Andi

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Chief Policy Officer & Director of Regional Engagement  
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**Sent:** Friday, May 12, 2017 1:15 PM  
**To:** Andi Johnson <[ajohnson@commercelexington.com](mailto:ajohnson@commercelexington.com)>; Rusty Ashcraft <[Rusty.Ashcraft@arlp.com](mailto:Rusty.Ashcraft@arlp.com)>  
**Cc:** Bennett, Tate <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)>; Dickerson, Aaron <[dickerson.aaron@epa.gov](mailto:dickerson.aaron@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: email introduction re: July scheduling request with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Thank you all. It looks like this is something we can move forward on getting set up. Is there a specific time that day that we should be looking at?

Thank you!

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**Sydney Hupp**  
Executive Scheduler  
Office of the Administrator  
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**From:** Andi Johnson [<mailto:ajohnson@commercelexington.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2017 4:35 PM  
**To:** Rusty Ashcraft <[Rusty.Ashcraft@arlp.com](mailto:Rusty.Ashcraft@arlp.com)>; Hupp, Sydney <[hupp.sydney@epa.gov](mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Bennett, Tate <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: email introduction re: July scheduling request with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Thank you, Sydney and Rusty. If there are any questions about the event, please feel free to reach out to me for more information.

I hope we're able to work this out!

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**From:** Rusty Ashcraft [<mailto:Rusty.Ashcraft@arlp.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2017 2:01 PM  
**To:** Hupp, Sydney <[hupp.sydney@epa.gov](mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Bennett, Tate <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)>; Andi Johnson <[ajohnson@commercelexington.com](mailto:ajohnson@commercelexington.com)>  
**Subject:** RE: email introduction re: July scheduling request with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Sydney

I hope you are well. Do you have any update on the appearance request by Commerce Lexington for Administrator Pruitt?

Thanks Rusty

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**From:** Rusty Ashcraft  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 13, 2017 10:48 AM  
**To:** 'Hupp, Sydney'  
**Cc:** Bennett, Tate; Witt, Ethan (McConnell); Conner, Katelyn (McConnell);  
[ajohnson@commercelexington.com](mailto:ajohnson@commercelexington.com)  
**Subject:** RE: email introduction re: July scheduling request with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Sydney

Thank you. I have attached the completed form. Please let me know if there are questions? Also, feel to invite the Administrator, Tate, et al to the Kentuckians in Washington Event at Union Station on July 12 from 6-7:30.

Thanks

Rusty Ashcraft  
Manager, Government Affairs & Environmental Policy  
Alliance Coal, LLC  
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**From:** Hupp, Sydney [<mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 12, 2017 3:34 PM  
**To:** Rusty Ashcraft  
**Cc:** Bennett, Tate; Witt, Ethan (McConnell); Conner, Katelyn (McConnell)  
**Subject:** RE: email introduction re: July scheduling request with EPA Administrator Pruitt

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Thank you! Rusty, I have attached a meeting request form. Would you please fill it out at your convenience and send back? Please let me know if you have any questions on it!

Thank you!

Sydney Hupp  
Office of the Administrator- Scheduling

**Ex. 6**

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**From:** Rusty Ashcraft [<mailto:Rusty.Ashcraft@arl.p.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 12, 2017 11:13 AM  
**To:** Conner, Katelyn (McConnell) <[Katelyn\\_Conner@mcconnell.senate.gov](mailto:Katelyn_Conner@mcconnell.senate.gov)>  
**Cc:** Hupp, Sydney <[hupp.sydney@epa.gov](mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov)>; Bennett, Tate <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)>; Witt, Ethan (McConnell) <[Ethan\\_Witt@mcconnell.senate.gov](mailto:Ethan_Witt@mcconnell.senate.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: email introduction re: July scheduling request with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Thank you for your assistance...

Rusty

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 12, 2017, at 9:09 AM, Conner, Katelyn (McConnell) <[Katelyn\\_Conner@mccconnell.senate.gov](mailto:Katelyn_Conner@mccconnell.senate.gov)> wrote:

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Rusty,  
Ethan Witt mentioned that you are interested in requesting a meeting with Administrator Pruitt when the Bluegrass Region Policy Group visits DC in July. I wanted to connect you with Sydney Hupp, who handles scheduling requests for the Administrator. She's your best contact for facilitating this request.

Please let our office know if you need anything else while you're in town. Hope all is well!

Best,  
Katelyn

Katelyn Conner  
Legislative Assistant  
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**From:** Gary Van Sickle [gary@specialtycrops.org]  
**Sent:** 6/21/2017 4:54:11 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, E]  
**Subject:** RE: WOTUS Update- Call Opportunity  
**Attachments:** California Specialty Crops Council 2017.docx

Good afternoon Tate,

What areas will you be working with? While WOTUS is important to us, so are pesticide issues. Will you be dealing with them?

Regards,  
Gary

Gary W. Van Sickle  
Executive Director  
California Specialty Crops Council  
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Website: <http://specialtycrops.org>

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**From:** Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 20, 2017 6:50 AM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** WOTUS Update- Call Opportunity

Hi there!

Knowing of your industry's interest in this important issue, I wanted to extend an opportunity for a quick phone update and also a chance for me to introduce myself as one of your liaisons at EPA. Feel free to give me a shout.

202-564-1460 is my direct.

Elizabeth Tate Bennett  
Senior Deputy Associate Administrator  
Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs  
Office of the Administrator  
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## **California Specialty Crops Council**

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**From:** Andrew Bray [abray@pestworld.org]  
**Sent:** 5/22/2017 3:18:16 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]; Graham, Amy [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=26722dfde5b34925b0ad9a8dd4aff308-Graham, Amy]  
**CC:** Andrew Architect [aarchitect@pestworld.org]; Jim Fredericks [jfredericks@pestworld.org]  
**Subject:** EPA/NPMA Meeting Tomorrow @ 10:00  
**Attachments:** Regulatory Review Comments.pdf

Tate and Amy,

Im looking forward to our meeting tomorrow at 10:00, I am bringing two of my colleagues at NPMA Andy Architect and Jim Fredericks. I've also attached comments we submitted last week on regulatory reform which is a good starting point for what we'd like to discuss with you tomorrow.

Thanks,

Andrew

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**Ex. 6**

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May 15, 2017

Via Electronic Submission: <http://www.regulations.gov>

The Honorable Scott Pruitt  
Administrator  
Environmental Protection Agency  
1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW  
Washington, DC 20460-001

**Re: Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OA-2017-0190  
Evaluation of Existing Regulations**

Dear Administrator Pruitt,

The National Pest Management Association (NPMA), the only national trade group for professional structural pest management companies, appreciates the opportunity to comment on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency action *Evaluation of Existing Regulation*.

NPMA, a non-profit organization with more than 7,000 member companies from around the world, including 5,500 U.S. based pest management companies, which account for about 90% of the \$7.6 billion U.S. commercial market, was established in 1933 to support the pest management industry. NPMA's member companies manage pests including rodents, ants, cockroaches, bed bugs, mosquitoes, spiders, stinging insects, termites and other pests in countless commercial, residential and institutional settings. NPMA members are committed to providing quality pest management services that protect public health, food and property.

The structural pest management industry has a very unique and important perspective to provide on pesticide policies that need to be fixed either by regulation or legislation to make the Agency more efficient to enable NPMA members the ability to better protect American citizens, their property and businesses from dangerous and deadly pests that threaten public health.

### **Modernize the Endangered Species Act**

Pest management professionals are protectors of public health and stewards of the environment. The Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA) was signed into law on December 28, 1973, and provides for the conservation of species that are endangered or threatened and the conservation of the ecosystems on which they depend. ESA's intent to protect and preserve species and their



habitat is vital and necessary to conserve American ecosystems and our tremendous natural resources.

The Department of Interior, specifically the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services and National Marine Fisheries Services (collectively the services) are tasked with implementing the ESA. Under Section 7 of ESA, Federal agencies must consult with the Services when any action the agency carries out, funds, or authorizes *may affect* a listed endangered or threatened species.

The Federal Insecticide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) designates the EPA, not the Services, as the lead federal agency tasked with the registration and review of all pesticides used in the U.S. EPA conducts comprehensive human health and ecological risk assessments and exhausts immense resources on the registration and review of pesticides and uses the most current science-based information and peer-reviewed scrutiny. Pesticides approved by EPA pursuant to FIFRA can not cause any unreasonable adverse effects on the environment, taking into account the economic, social and environmental costs and benefits of the use of any pesticide. During the extensive review of pesticides, EPA implements the Endangered Species Protection Program (ESPP), which provides an additional review for those species listed as endangered and threatened.

Unfortunately, the collaborative consultation process is broken. Differing statutory standards and a lack of resources at the Services has led to a backlog of decisions. Further exacerbating the issue is a concerted effort by activists to use the ESA in the judicial branch to inhibit the use and registration of valuable life-saving pesticides. Since 2004, numerous citizen lawsuits have been brought by activists against the Services and EPA. The litigation against the Services and EPA asserts a failure to adequately perform consultation and has led to settlements and court orders that restrict the use of pesticides while creating unrealistic timelines to perform consultations in a piecemeal process. Neither the Services nor the EPA will be able to conduct full consultation as currently constituted.

The ESA needs to be fixed to ensure the development of innovative products to better protect people, their businesses, and their properties. The fix may need to be both a regulatory and a statutory fix, and we encourage EPA to be a leader on this issue because the path we are currently on will lead to the inability to use and register new and existing pesticides that are vital to protecting public health. NPMA suggest working towards the following:

- Highlight EPA's authority on pesticides, FIFRA designates the EPA not the Services as the lead agency on pesticides and FIFRA should have primacy over the ESA

- Revisit and work towards the process outlined in the 2004 “Counterpart Regulations” (50 CFR Part 402.9[2004]) which was a collaboration between the Services and EPA to streamline the process and provide more authority to EPA
- Provide resources to promote actual conservation rather than obstruct pesticide registration through unending lawsuits
- Understand and take into consideration the use patterns used by all pesticide applicators, specifically the structural use patterns, which rarely impact non-target organisms

### **Eliminate National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permits**

The requirement for National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits is a result of a 2009 U.S. Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals decision in *Nat'l Cotton Council v. EPA*. The court determined that under the Clean Water Act (CWA) discharges of pollutants (chemical pesticides) into Waters of the United States (WOTUS) require an NPDES permit. The ruling came despite EPA's opposition and argument that pesticides applied in accordance with the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) are exempt from CWA's permitting requirements.

Could there be a better example of duplicative and unnecessary? Why is the EPA Office of Water (OW) telling the Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) that their stringent peer-reviewed environmental and human health risk assessment are not enough? Under FIFRA, human health and environmental impacts are reviewed on all pesticides that are registered for use with strict directions for use on the EPA approved product label. A thorough review and accounting of impacts to water quality and aquatic species is included in every EPA registration and registration-review decision. Requiring water permits for pesticide applications is redundant and provides no additional environmental benefit while adding tremendous costs and a resource drain to the Agency (OPP and OW), state regulators and pesticide applicators.

NPMA is well aware that EPA fought against NPDES permits in court and after being compelled by the court, EPA attempted to craft a permit that was the least burdensome. Unfortunately, the result is that an expanded WOTUS definition, in conjunction with NPDES permit requirements, is now threatening the ability of our members to conduct valuable public health applications in and around WOTUS. The NPDES permit and CWA exposes applicators to civil liability, which recently occurred in a pending lawsuit in Ohio between a pesticide applicator and Ohio citizen. This has raised the question among our members; will I be sued for applying a pesticide registered for use in water in accordance with all EPA-approved label instructions? Water is a breeding ground for some of the most prominent and dangerous disease-transmitting insects, and the permit is becoming an impediment to managing pests that threaten public health.

Unfortunately, a regulatory fix through the promulgation of new rules will likely not fix this problem, and we, therefore, request the Agency to urge the 115<sup>th</sup> Congress to take action. Legislation has already been introduced to address this pressing issue. In the Senate, the Sensible Environmental Protection Act of 2017 (S. 340) which has been assigned to the Committee on Environment and Public Works awaiting further action. In the House, the Reducing Regulatory Burdens Act of 2017 (H. 953) has passed the Committee on Agriculture with bipartisan support and is now in the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. We strongly urge the Agency raise this issue as a top priority of this administration and eliminate the NPDES permit requirements for FIFRA registered and approved pesticides.

### **Streamline and Simplify Pesticide Labels**

Unlike most other product labels, instructions found on a pesticide label are legally enforceable, with each label carrying the clear statement: “It is a violation of Federal law to use this product in a manner inconsistent with its labeling.” The pesticide label is the chief enforcement vehicle for EPA and the State Lead Agencies charged with enforcing pesticide law and is intended to protect human health and the environment. As a result, pest management professionals are obligated under Federal law to read the label before mixing, applying, storing, or disposing of a pesticide product. Unfortunately, instead of being the critical tool for protecting health and the environment as it is intended, the pesticide label has become a stumbling block for applicators. Many pesticide labels encountered today are so full of dense, overly-complex language, and directions for use so terribly complicated by over-regulation, that even highly trained and certified applicators find compliance cumbersome, burdensome and inefficient. For example, one label for a product labeled for the control of important structural pests like termites, cockroaches, yellow jackets, ticks, spiders and ants contains a mind-boggling 51 pages of text. An applicator wanting to use this product for targeted applications to control ants must wade through more than 40 pages of text before finding instructions on how to mix and apply the product for ants. This is a cumbersome, inefficient and confusing process. Certainly, there must be a more modern, simplified method to convey the important safety and use information required for proper use.

An additional example of the complexity of label language that applicators must navigate is the EPA’s Label Review Manual (LRM), which represents printed guidance for registrants in developing label language. The LRM is made up of more than 250 pages of instructions and compiles existing interpretations of statutory and regulatory provisions and reiterates existing Agency policies.

We encourage EPA to engage user groups, registrants and other stakeholders to identify a process to modernize pesticide labels, with a goal of streamlining labels to make them more succinct, easier to use, ensuring safe and effective use in the future.

### **Consider the Benefits and Unique Use Patterns of the Structural Pest Management Industry as Part of the Pesticide Registration and Review Process**

FIFRA requires that all pesticides be registered by EPA to ensure that they do not cause "unreasonable adverse effects on man or the environment." Noted above when registering a pesticide FIFRA requires EPA to take into consideration the "economic, social, and environmental costs and benefits of the use of any pesticide." Accounting for the economic, social and environmental costs and benefits, when reviewing a pesticide intended to protect agricultural crops is a relatively straightforward process compared to evaluating the benefits of pesticide products and services intended for use in and around structures. Structural use patterns are not static, rather our members are continuously moving from location to location to remediate unexpected pest problems through integrated pest management and targeted pesticide applications in dose rates much smaller than generally perceived by EPA. We believe structural use patterns are sometimes overlooked and marginalized within EPA when they should be highlighted and are of paramount importance to protect public health. The following are a few examples illustrating the benefits of pesticides and structural pest management services.

- Wood destroying insects invade and damage countless homes, businesses and public buildings across the U.S. In fact, termites alone account for \$5 billion in damages to structures each year, a cost that is not typically covered by homeowners insurance.
- According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), rodents transmit over 35 diseases such as hantavirus, rat bite fever, trichinosis, plague, murine typhus, infectious jaundice, Weil's disease and leptospirosis. Rodents also transmit diseases like murine typhus and salmonellosis indirectly through their droppings, saliva, urine and hosting fleas.
- Cockroaches and rodents exacerbate allergies and asthma attacks as a result of allergenic proteins in their exoskeletons, droppings and urine.
- While some stinging insects are beneficial in that they pollinate plants, and eat other harmful insects, they also send more than half a million people to the emergency room every year. For most Americans, stings cause localized swelling and pain. However, 3 percent of the population experiences severe allergic reactions such as rashes, hives and shortness of breath or even life threatening anaphylactic shock.

- According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, approximately 1 in 6 Americans get sick, 128,000 people are hospitalized and more than 3,000 people die from foodborne diseases each year. Structural pest management prevents and controls insect infestations that can lead to and spread food borne illness and disease
- Arthropod borne diseases like Zika, Dengue, West Nile Virus, and Lyme disease are transmitted by mosquitoes and ticks. Pesticides play an important role in Integrated Pest Management (IPM) plans designed to control these threats to public health.

We believe that the benefits of structural pest management are evident in the above examples. Pesticides intended for structural pest management are an integral part of pest prevention and control programs that benefit citizens where they live, work and play. The benefits that these products provide are immense, and we strongly encourage the Agency to engage with stakeholders and user groups earlier to better understand the unique use patterns employed by the structural pest management industry and carefully consider the benefits of pesticides intended for structural uses in all pesticide registration and review processes.

### Conclusion

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the proposed rule *Evaluation of Existing Regulations; Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OA-2017-0190*. We are encouraged by the current Administration's regulatory agenda and willingness to engage stakeholders to seek input on EPA regulations that may be appropriate for repeal, replacement or modification. We believe we have provided concrete examples of regulations that should be repealed (NPDES), replaced (ESA) and modified (Pesticide Labels) and we also requested EPA to place greater emphasis on pesticide structural use patterns to protect public health. We look forward to working with the Agency on these pesticide reforms and will be available to provide additional assistance and information if requested.

Sincerely,



Jim Fredericks  
Vice President of Technical & Regulatory Affairs



Andrew Bray  
Vice President of Public Policy

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**Subject:** Automatic reply: ICYMI: Administrator Pruitt Wraps Up Week-Long Heartland Tour

I will be out of the office on work travel on June 20 and June 21. I will respond to email as I have time or you can reach me at Ex. 6

Thank you,  
Kathy

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**Subject:** WOTUS

Tate –

Could you give me a call when you have a moment to discuss WOTUS? My cell is **Ex. 6**

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**CC:** Ethan Mathews [Mathews@ncga.com]  
**Subject:** RE: PPC Meeting Thursday

I'll confirm shortly, but usually the third Thursday which would be July 20<sup>th</sup>.

Thanks,

Andrew

Andrew Bray  
Vice President of Public Policy  
10460 North St.  
Fairfax VA 22030

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**From:** Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, June 12, 2017 8:15 AM  
**To:** Andrew Bray <abray@pestworld.org>  
**Subject:** Re: PPC Meeting Thursday

July would be great. Let me know the date?

On Jun 12, 2017, at 8:07 AM, Andrew Bray <abray@pestworld.org> wrote:

Tate,

I got your message over the weekend, if you can't attend the meeting that is not a problem but maybe we can reschedule for the July or September meeting (we usually skip August).

Thanks,

Andrew

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**CC:** Cindy Mannes [cmannes@pestworld.org]; Jim Fredericks [jfredericks@pestworld.org]  
**Subject:** NPMA Meeting Today, Thank You and Follow-up

Tate & Amy,

Thank you again for meeting with us today, we hope we can be a resource for you on structural pesticide issues and also an asset on messaging and collaborating on several issues, specifically certification and training. To follow up on a few things:

- I have reached out to the Pesticide Policy Coalition(PPC) about speaking at our next meeting (June 15<sup>th</sup> 10:30 – 12:00). As soon as I hear back I will get back to you.
- I have cc'd our Vice President of Public Affairs Cindy Mannes. Amy, Cindy is happy to discuss opportunities to work together. Cindy generates excellent industry and consumer data.
- NPMA will monitor EPA social media and more actively assist in promoting EPA efforts that coincide with NPMA priorities.
- Certification and Training – NPMA would be happy to work with EPA in building out timelines, resources and materials for the implementation of the final rule in May of 2018.
- Pyrethroids - EPA's draft human health and ecological risk assessments for the registration review are open for public comment until July 7<sup>th</sup>. NPMA has some concerns with the draft assessments and we will forward our comments to you when we've completed them.

Thank you again for your time, we look forward to working with you in the coming months and years.

Andrew

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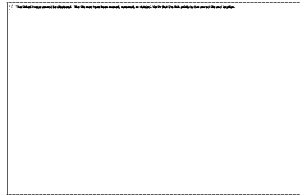
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**NCGA Statement on WOTUS Repeal**

WASHINGTON (June 27, 2017) – *The following is a statement from Texas farmer Wesley Spurlock, president of the National Corn Growers Association, in response to today's announcement of the proposal to repeal the 2015 Waters of the U.S. (WOTUS) Rule:*

"The goal of the Clean Water Act is to restore and maintain the integrity of the nation's waters. The 2015 rule moved us further away from that goal. Repealing it is an important first step toward providing farmers the certainty and clarity we have long desired.

"We are thankful this Administration is working to draw clear lines in terms of what is and what is not jurisdictional under the Clean Water Act. In doing so, they will enable farmers to implement best management practices such as grass waterways and buffer strips without the burden of bureaucratic red tape or fear of legal action. These types of land improvements have enormous water quality benefits, such as reducing sediment and nutrient runoff—a win for farmers and the environment. Government should be making these actions easier, not more difficult.

"We salute the EPA and Army Corps of Engineers for their efforts. We stand committed to working with these agencies as they develop a new rule that defines jurisdictional boundaries in clear terms that are inclusive of the realities of farming."

Earlier this year, President Trump issued Executive Order 13778, directing EPA and USACE to review the final 2015 WOTUS rule, and publish for notice and comment a proposed rule rescinding or revising the rule, as appropriate and consistent with law. Today's announcement is the next step in that process.

#### **About NCGA**

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Thanks!

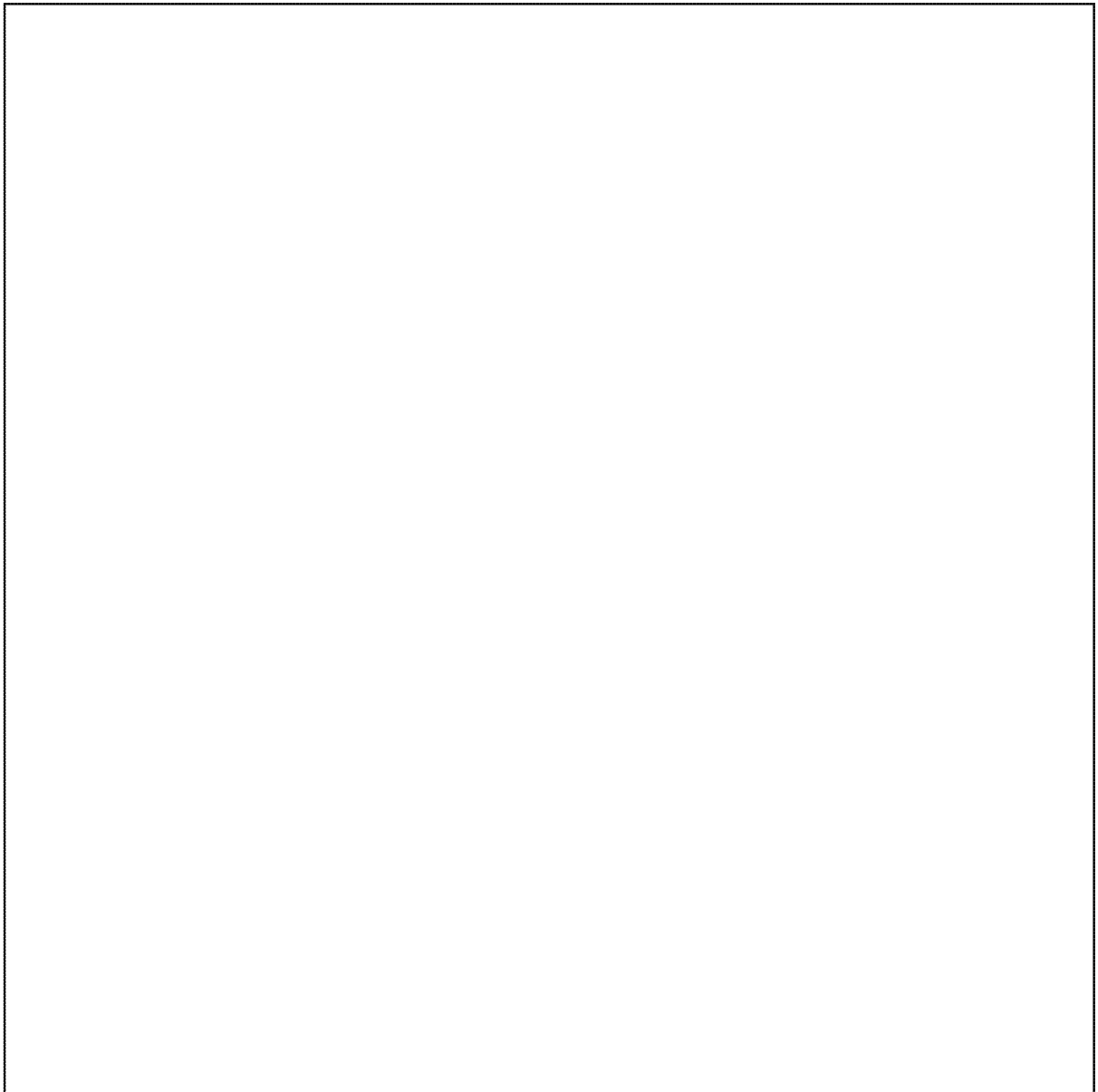
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**Subject:** EPA, U.S. Army Move to Rescind 2015 "Waters of the U.S."

Good afternoon! This Federal Register notice was just signed by Administrator Pruitt. Let us know if you have any questions.



## **EPA, U.S. Army Move to Rescind 2015 "Waters of the U.S."**

WASHINGTON - (June 27, 2017) The Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Army, and Army Corps of Engineers (the agencies) are proposing a rule to rescind the Clean Water Rule and re-codify the regulatory text that existed prior to 2015 defining "waters of the United States" or WOTUS. This action would, when finalized, provide certainty in the interim, pending a second rulemaking in which the agencies will engage in a substantive re-evaluation of the definition of "waters of the United States." The proposed rule would be implemented in accordance with Supreme Court decisions, agency guidance, and longstanding practice.

**"We are taking significant action to return power to the states and provide regulatory certainty to our nation's farmers and businesses,"** said Administrator Scott Pruitt. **"This is the first step in the two-step process to redefine 'waters of the U.S.' and we are committed to moving through this re-evaluation to quickly provide regulatory certainty, in a way that is thoughtful, transparent and collaborative with other agencies and the public."**

This proposed rule follows the February 28, 2017, Presidential Executive Order on "Restoring the Rule of Law, Federalism, and Economic Growth by Reviewing the 'Waters of the United States' Rule." The February Order states that it is in the national interest to ensure that the Nation's navigable waters are kept free from pollution, while at the same time promoting economic growth, minimizing regulatory uncertainty, and showing due regard for the roles of Congress and the States under the Constitution. To meet these objectives, the agencies intend to follow an expeditious, two-step process that will provide certainty across the country.

The proposed rule would recodify the identical regulatory text that was in place prior to the 2015 Clean Water Rule and that is currently in place as a result of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit's stay of the 2015 rule. Therefore, this action, when final, will not change current practice with respect to how the definition applies.

The agencies have also begun deliberations and outreach on the second step rulemaking involving a re-evaluation and revision of the definition of "waters of the United States" in accordance with the Executive Order.

"The Army, together with the Corps of Engineers, is committed to working closely with and supporting the EPA on these rulemakings. As we go through the rulemaking process, we will continue to make the implementation of the Clean Water Act Section 404 regulatory program as transparent as possible for the regulated public," said Mr. Douglas Lamont, senior official performing the duties of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works.

For the pre-publication Federal Register Notice and additional information: <http://www.epa.gov/wotus-rule>



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Will do.

Best Regards,

Latonia

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Hey there! We are confirmed for 5/18. Apologies- we were running around a bit yesterday. Pesticide hearing. Ccing Mandy, but plan on coming to the North Building at 1200 PA Ave on 5/18 at 3 PM. How many folks are you bringin? Latonia, do you mind saving us a room/doing a calendar invite?

Thanks all!

Tate

Elizabeth Tate Bennett  
Senior Deputy Associate Administrator  
Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs Office of the Administrator U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

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Subject: RE: EPA contact info

Tate:

Sorry to bother you, but I just wanted to circle back and see if this meeting was confirmed on EPA's end. And if you want to hand me off to the policy office so you're not in the middle, that works too. Thanks so much for your help with this and getting us connected.

Kathy

-----Original Message-----

From: Kathy Bergren  
Sent: Wednesday, May 10, 2017 8:12 AM  
To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>  
Subject: Re: EPA contact info

Yes, that would be great. Thank you so much for your help with this - really appreciate it. Please let me know what you all need from me.

Sent from my iPhone

> On May 9, 2017, at 10:13 PM, Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov> wrote:  
>  
> Hey there. Could you guys do 5/18 at 3 PM?  
>  
>> On May 8, 2017, at 4:30 PM, Kathy Bergren <Bergren@ncga.com> wrote:

>>  
>> Tate:  
>>  
>> Congratulations on your job with the Administration -- hope things are going well and you are not hearing from all 535 Congressional offices at once.  
>>  
>> I hope you don't mind that Eric passed along your contact info. I'm no longer on the Hill, but started recently with the National Corn Growers Association, working on ethanol policy issues. I need to reach out to EPA policy staff on a couple of issues, but wanted to make sure I'm contacting the correct person. If you have a minute, could you let me know whether I'm on the right track?  
>>  
>> We are interested in meeting with EPA policy staff about two priority issues for corn growers, the RVP waiver for ethanol blends greater than 10 percent (Administrator Pruitt made comments on this issue last week) and updating EPA's lifecycle analysis for ethanol. Do you know whether Mandy Gunasekara in the policy office would be the best contact for these two issues?  
>>  
>> Thanks very much for your time and your help. Good luck in your new position!  
>>  
>> Kathy  
>>  
>> Kathy Bergren  
>> Director, Public Policy  
>> NCGA Washington Office  
>> 20 F Street NW, Suite 600  
>> Ex. 6 Direct  
>> Ex. 6 Mobile  
>> bergren@ncga.com  
>>  
>> -----Original Message-----  
>> From: Bergren, Eric [mailto:Eric.Bergren@mail.house.gov]  
>> Sent: Friday, May 5, 2017 7:04 PM  
>> To: Kathy Bergren <Bergren@ncga.com>  
>> Subject:  
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>> Bennett.tate@epa.gov  
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Message

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**From:** Andi Johnson [ajohnson@commercelexington.com]  
**Sent:** 7/7/2017 5:26:50 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, E]  
**Subject:** RE: email introduction re: July scheduling request with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Hey Tate,

I spoke to Rusty about the agenda format changes. We're good with whatever makes you most comfortable. I'm at my desk for until 3:20 pm. Feel free to give me a call at **Ex. 6**

Andi

Andi Johnson  
Chief Policy Officer & Director of Regional Engagement  
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**From:** Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 07, 2017 8:42 AM  
**To:** Andi Johnson <ajohnson@commercelexington.com>  
**Cc:** Woodward, Cheryl <Woodward.Cheryl@epa.gov>; Morris, Madeline <morris.madeline@epa.gov>; Cory, Preston (Katherine) <Cory.Preston@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: email introduction re: July scheduling request with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Hi again, Andi! Copying Preston Cory on my team to help coordinate / introduce herself during the walk through of the Green Room on the 11. Preston is a KY native and will be joining us in the meeting with the Administrator day of. She recently was a legislative assistant on Cap. hill for a TN member, and previously interned for McConnell and Guthrie. Figured you two need to meet beforehand anyways!

On Jul 6, 2017, at 7:48 PM, Andi Johnson <ajohnson@commercelexington.com> wrote:

Hi Cheryl,

Thank you for the detailed instructions. Attached is the list of Commerce Lexington attendees for the Wed, July 12 meeting with Administrator Pruitt at EPA at 2:30 pm. I just had a late addition tonight so we're at **38 attendees total**. Names and companies are listed. Please let me know if you have questions about this information.

I will be in DC on Tuesday, July 11 for meetings and to advance some of our site visits. Would you mind if I called you on July 11 when I arrive at EPA to advance where we enter the building just to touch base and meet face-to-face before our visit?

Andi

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**From:** Woodward, Cheryl [<mailto:Woodward.Cheryl@epa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 23, 2017 1:13 PM  
**To:** Hupp, Sydney <[hupp.sydney@epa.gov](mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov)>; Andi Johnson <[ajohnson@commercelexington.com](mailto:ajohnson@commercelexington.com)>  
**Cc:** Lynda Bebrowsky <[lbebrowsky@commercelexington.com](mailto:lbebrowsky@commercelexington.com)>  
**Subject:** RE: email introduction re: July scheduling request with EPA Administrator Pruitt

My name is Cheryl Woodward and I will assist you in the logistics for your meeting at EPA on Wednesday, July 12 at 2:30 pm. The instructions/directions to EPA is below and if you have any questions please contact me. I will need your list of attendee's by July 5 close of business. Security will need to prepare passes after attendee's clear security screening and the process of our large group visitor goes very smoothly and quickly for escorting to the Administrator's reception area. Look forward to seeing you all.

**Directions:** If you come by Metro, the Federal Triangle metro stop is directly below the building entrances. You would leave the metro station and go up all three sets of escalators from the train otherwise two escalators then do a small U-Turn to the left heading toward 12<sup>th</sup> street, the South Lobby entrance is directly and immediately to your right (Glass Doors -EPA Signified on Glass).

EPA address is 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW. If you are coming by taxi/vehicle, you want to be dropped off on 12th NW, **which is between Pennsylvania and Constitution Avenue**. It is almost exactly half way between the two avenues on with Federal Triangle Metro sign and Trump Hotel Towers side entrance can be used as a landmark. From 12th Street, facing the building with the EPA and American flags, walk toward the building (under the flags) and take the glass door on your left hand side with the escalators going down to the metro on your left. This again will be the **South Lobby of the William Jefferson Clinton building**.

Once inside the building, security will prompt you to scan all items such as bags, coats etc., and then let the guards know that you were instructed to call Cheryl Woodward at 564-1274 or Michelle Hale at 564-1430 to escort you to the meeting with the Administrator. Security will make temporary cards for everyone. Allow for 15 minutes to get through the process.

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**From:** Hupp, Sydney  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 23, 2017 1:07 PM  
**To:** Andi Johnson <[ajohnson@commercelexington.com](mailto:ajohnson@commercelexington.com)>  
**Cc:** Dickerson, Aaron <[dickerson.aaron@epa.gov](mailto:dickerson.aaron@epa.gov)>; Lynda Bebrowsky <[lbebrowsky@commercelexington.com](mailto:lbebrowsky@commercelexington.com)>; Woodward, Cheryl <[Woodward.Cheryl@epa.gov](mailto:Woodward.Cheryl@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: email introduction re: July scheduling request with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Of course! I am going to loop in Cheryl who can provide logistics for the day of. Yes, on names in advance, please.

Thank you!

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**Sydney Hupp**  
Executive Scheduler  
Office of the Administrator

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**From:** Andi Johnson [<mailto:ajohnson@commercelexington.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 23, 2017 11:08 AM  
**To:** Hupp, Sydney <[hupp.sydney@epa.gov](mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Dickerson, Aaron <[dickerson.aaron@epa.gov](mailto:dickerson.aaron@epa.gov)>; Lynda Bebrowsky <[lbebrowsky@commercelexington.com](mailto:lbebrowsky@commercelexington.com)>  
**Subject:** RE: email introduction re: July scheduling request with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Thanks for your flexibility. We look forward to the visit on Wed, July 12 at 2:30 pm. In terms of questions about room set-up, we would like the meeting to be as interactive as possible. I defer to your judgement as to how the room is arranged given the space.

Please let us know what we need to do as it relates to security and entering the building. Some initial questions include:

- Do you need to know the names of attendees in advance? If so, what information do you need?
- What entrance do visitors need to use to enter the building? Will someone meet us in the lobby and direct us to the room location?

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**From:** Hupp, Sydney [<mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 23, 2017 9:37 AM  
**To:** Andi Johnson <[ajohnson@commercelexington.com](mailto:ajohnson@commercelexington.com)>  
**Cc:** Dickerson, Aaron <[dickerson.aaron@epa.gov](mailto:dickerson.aaron@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: email introduction re: July scheduling request with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Can do! Moved it on the calendar to 2:30 on the 12<sup>th</sup>.

Thanks!

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**From:** Andi Johnson [mailto:ajohnson@commercelexington.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 23, 2017 8:45 AM  
**To:** Hupp, Sydney <hupp.sydney@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: email introduction re: July scheduling request with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Sydney,

I am also trying to schedule a meeting/visit to DOT with Secretary Chao. Her office got back to me last night and requested Thursday, July 13 in the afternoon.

Before I work with them further, I wanted to double back with you to see if Wed, July 12 around 2:30 pm would be a possibility for us to travel to EPA to meet with Administrator Pruitt – rather than Thursday.

If not, we understand and I'll work with the Secretary Chao's office on timing. We might be able to complete two agency meetings on Thursday afternoon. Our flight leaves late out of DC.

I'm just trying to be aware of all my options as we put the pieces together that is our agenda puzzle!

I sincerely appreciate all your help on this request.

Andi

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**From:** Hupp, Sydney [mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 22, 2017 3:51 PM  
**To:** Andi Johnson <ajohnson@commercelexington.com>  
**Cc:** Woodward, Cheryl <Woodward.Cheryl@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: email introduction re: July scheduling request with EPA Administrator Pruitt

2:00PM it is! Looping in Cheryl for your security questions. On a group of 50, would you want him to speak to them or set it up mostly as a roundtable with some people in chairs to the side?

Thanks!

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**From:** Andi Johnson [<mailto:ajohnson@commercelexington.com>]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 22, 2017 3:31 PM  
**To:** Hupp, Sydney <[hupp.sydney@epa.gov](mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: email introduction re: July scheduling request with EPA Administrator Pruitt

This is great. To be on the safe side with travel, can we say 2 pm for the meeting start time? I received confirmation on Sen. Paul's time and it's 12:15 pm. I think having this extra 30 minutes will be better in case he is running late (which has happened every year).

How much time do you think we should allow for a group of 50 to get through security at EPA?

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**Sent:** Monday, May 22, 2017 3:12 PM  
**To:** Andi Johnson <[ajohnson@commercelexington.com](mailto:ajohnson@commercelexington.com)>; Rusty Ashcraft <[Rusty.Ashcraft@arlp.com](mailto:Rusty.Ashcraft@arlp.com)>  
**Cc:** Bennett, Tate <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)>; Dickerson, Aaron <[dickerson.aaron@epa.gov](mailto:dickerson.aaron@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: email introduction re: July scheduling request with EPA Administrator Pruitt

1:30 works!

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**From:** Andi Johnson [<mailto:ajohnson@commercelexington.com>]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 22, 2017 10:45 AM  
**To:** Hupp, Sydney <[hupp.sydney@epa.gov](mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov)>; Rusty Ashcraft <[Rusty.Ashcraft@arlp.com](mailto:Rusty.Ashcraft@arlp.com)>  
**Cc:** Bennett, Tate <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)>; Dickerson, Aaron <[dickerson.aaron@epa.gov](mailto:dickerson.aaron@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: email introduction re: July scheduling request with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Sydney,

Would it be possible to meet at EPA on Thursday, July 13 anytime after 1:30 pm? Would that still be an option?

I received scheduling requests back from Sen. McConnell and Sen. Paul and they've requested our group meet with them mid-morning through lunch on Thursday at the Capitol.

If it's easier to speak by phone, please let me know a good time to give you a call.

Andi

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**Sent:** Monday, May 15, 2017 3:39 PM  
**To:** Andi Johnson <[ajohnson@commercelexington.com](mailto:ajohnson@commercelexington.com)>; Rusty Ashcraft <[Rusty.Ashcraft@arlp.com](mailto:Rusty.Ashcraft@arlp.com)>  
**Cc:** Bennett, Tate <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)>; Dickerson, Aaron <[dickerson.aaron@epa.gov](mailto:dickerson.aaron@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: email introduction re: July scheduling request with EPA Administrator Pruitt

We would love to host you at the EPA on July 13<sup>th</sup>! Mid-morning sound okay? Very flexible on timing. Are you wanting it to be a meeting or set up for him to speak?

Thank you!

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**From:** Andi Johnson [<mailto:ajohnson@commercelexington.com>]  
**Sent:** Friday, May 12, 2017 5:26 PM  
**To:** Hupp, Sydney <[hupp.sydney@epa.gov](mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov)>; Rusty Ashcraft <[Rusty.Ashcraft@arlp.com](mailto:Rusty.Ashcraft@arlp.com)>  
**Cc:** Bennett, Tate <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)>; Dickerson, Aaron <[dickerson.aaron@epa.gov](mailto:dickerson.aaron@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: email introduction re: July scheduling request with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Sydney,

Great news! Right now, our schedule on Wednesday, July 12 and Thursday, July 13 is flexible. I've sent speaking requests to all the Kentucky delegation offices and to Secretary Chao. I'm waiting to hear back from them.

We have space reserved in the Capitol Visitors Center for both days from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Is there a time that you think would be better for Mr. Pruitt? Would he be traveling to us in the CVC or would you prefer our group hear from him at EPA?

Andi

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**Subject:** RE: email introduction re: July scheduling request with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Thank you all. It looks like this is something we can move forward on getting set up. Is there a specific time that day that we should be looking at?

Thank you!

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**Sydney Hupp**  
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Office of the Administrator

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**From:** Andi Johnson [<mailto:ajohnson@commercelexington.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2017 4:35 PM  
**To:** Rusty Ashcraft <[Rusty.Ashcraft@arlp.com](mailto:Rusty.Ashcraft@arlp.com)>; Hupp, Sydney <[hupp.sydney@epa.gov](mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Bennett, Tate <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: email introduction re: July scheduling request with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Thank you, Sydney and Rusty. If there are any questions about the event, please feel free to reach out to me for more information.

I hope we're able to work this out!

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**From:** Rusty Ashcraft [<mailto:Rusty.Ashcraft@arlp.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2017 2:01 PM  
**To:** Hupp, Sydney <[hupp.sydney@epa.gov](mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Bennett, Tate <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)>; Andi Johnson <[ajohnson@commercelexington.com](mailto:ajohnson@commercelexington.com)>  
**Subject:** RE: email introduction re: July scheduling request with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Sydney

I hope you are well. Do you have any update on the appearance request by Commerce Lexington for Administrator Pruitt?

Thanks Rusty

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**From:** Rusty Ashcraft  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 13, 2017 10:48 AM  
**To:** 'Hupp, Sydney'  
**Cc:** Bennett, Tate; Witt, Ethan (McConnell); Conner, Katelyn (McConnell);  
[ajohnson@commercelexington.com](mailto:ajohnson@commercelexington.com)  
**Subject:** RE: email introduction re: July scheduling request with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Sydney

Thank you. I have attached the completed form. Please let me know if there are questions? Also, feel to invite the Administrator, Tate, et al to the Kentuckians in Washington Event at Union Station on July 12 from 6-7:30.

Thanks

Rusty Ashcraft  
Manager, Government Affairs & Environmental Policy  
Alliance Coal, LLC  
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**Sent:** Wednesday, April 12, 2017 3:34 PM  
**To:** Rusty Ashcraft  
**Cc:** Bennett, Tate; Witt, Ethan (McConnell); Conner, Katelyn (McConnell)  
**Subject:** RE: email introduction re: July scheduling request with EPA Administrator Pruitt

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Thank you! Rusty, I have attached a meeting request form. Would you please fill it out at your convenience and send back? Please let me know if you have any questions on it!

Thank you!

Sydney Hupp  
Office of the Administrator- Scheduling  
202.816.1659

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**From:** Rusty Ashcraft [<mailto:Rusty.Ashcraft@arl.p.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 12, 2017 11:13 AM  
**To:** Conner, Katelyn (McConnell) <[Katelyn\\_Conner@mccconnell.senate.gov](mailto:Katelyn_Conner@mccconnell.senate.gov)>  
**Cc:** Hupp, Sydney <[hupp.sydney@epa.gov](mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov)>; Bennett, Tate <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)>; Witt, Ethan (McConnell) <[Ethan\\_Witt@mccconnell.senate.gov](mailto:Ethan_Witt@mccconnell.senate.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: email introduction re: July scheduling request with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Thank you for your assistance...

Rusty

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 12, 2017, at 9:09 AM, Conner, Katelyn (McConnell) <[Katelyn\\_Conner@mccconnell.senate.gov](mailto:Katelyn_Conner@mccconnell.senate.gov)> wrote:

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Rusty,  
Ethan Witt mentioned that you are interested in requesting a meeting with Administrator Pruitt when the Bluegrass Region Policy Group visits DC in July. I wanted to connect you with Sydney Hupp, who handles scheduling requests for the Administrator. She's your best contact for facilitating this request.

Please let our office know if you need anything else while you're in town. Hope all is well!

Best,  
Katelyn

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**Sent:** 5/19/2017 11:55:28 AM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, E]  
**Subject:** Inquiry Regarding The Board of Scientific Counselors

Tate:

I hope this email finds you well.

I wanted to inquire about the Agency's Board of Scientific Counselors (BOSC). Specifically, I am curious if the Agency has begun the process of selecting candidates to fill the open and opening seats on the Board and what the selection timeline looks like. Additionally, is there an application process for interested parties, and, if so, how would they go about applying for consideration?

All the best,  
Chase

**Chase W. Hieneman** | Senior Public Policy Specialist  
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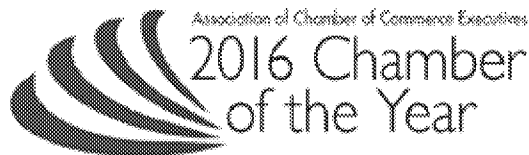
**From:** Andi Johnson [ajohnson@commercelexington.com]  
**Sent:** 7/7/2017 3:56:52 PM  
**To:** Woodward, Cheryl [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=7a0d6a3af92640248638ca24fe87a777-Woodward, Cheryl]; Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]  
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**Subject:** RE: email introduction re: July scheduling request with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Cheryl – Thank you! I appreciate your help.

Cory – I look forward to meeting you. Is there a better time for us to connect on Tues, July 11? I should be available after 9:30 am. I thought I may stop by after a meeting at the Hay Adams. Would sometime in the mid-morning timeframe work for you?

Andi

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**From:** Woodward, Cheryl [mailto:Woodward.Cheryl@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 07, 2017 9:13 AM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>; Andi Johnson <ajohnson@commercelexington.com>  
**Cc:** Morris, Madeline <morris.madeline@epa.gov>; Cory, Preston (Katherine) <Cory.Preston@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: email introduction re: July scheduling request with EPA Administrator Pruitt

This will be terrific. No problem about coming by. I will have a pass ready for you Tuesday. You have the directions below but call me if you need anything. Have a good weekend.

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**From:** Bennett, Tate  
**Sent:** Friday, July 07, 2017 8:42 AM  
**To:** Andi Johnson <ajohnson@commercelexington.com>  
**Cc:** Woodward, Cheryl <Woodward.Cheryl@epa.gov>; Morris, Madeline <morris.madeline@epa.gov>; Cory, Preston (Katherine) <Cory.Preston@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: email introduction re: July scheduling request with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Hi again, Andi! Copying Preston Cory on my team to help coordinate / introduce herself during the walk through of the Green Room on the 11. Preston is a KY native and will be joining us in the meeting with the Administrator day of. She recently was a legislative assistant on Cap. hill for a TN member, and previously interned for McConnell and Guthrie. Figured you two need to meet beforehand anyways!

On Jul 6, 2017, at 7:48 PM, Andi Johnson <[ajohnson@commercelexington.com](mailto:ajohnson@commercelexington.com)> wrote:

Hi Cheryl,

Thank you for the detailed instructions. Attached is the list of Commerce Lexington attendees for the Wed, July 12 meeting with Administrator Pruitt at EPA at 2:30 pm. I just had a late addition tonight so we're at **38 attendees total**. Names and companies are listed. Please let me know if you have questions about this information.

I will be in DC on Tuesday, July 11 for meetings and to advance some of our site visits. Would you mind if I called you on July 11 when I arrive at EPA to advance where we enter the building just to touch base and meet face-to-face before our visit?

Andi

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**From:** Woodward, Cheryl [<mailto:Woodward.Cheryl@epa.gov>]

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 23, 2017 1:13 PM

**To:** Hupp, Sydney <[hupp.sydney@epa.gov](mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov)>; Andi Johnson <[ajohnson@commercelexington.com](mailto:ajohnson@commercelexington.com)>

**Cc:** Lynda Bebrowsky <[lbebrowsky@commercelexington.com](mailto:lbebrowsky@commercelexington.com)>

**Subject:** RE: email introduction re: July scheduling request with EPA Administrator Pruitt

My name is Cheryl Woodward and I will assist you in the logistics for your meeting at EPA on Wednesday, July 12 at 2:30 pm. The instructions/directions to EPA is below and if you have any questions please contact me. I will need your list of attendee's by July 5 close of business. Security will need to prepare passes after attendee's clear security screening and the process of our large group visitor goes very smoothly and quickly for escorting to the Administrator's reception area. Look forward to seeing you all.

**Directions:** If you come by Metro, the Federal Triangle metro stop is directly below the building entrances. You would leave the metro station and go up all three sets of escalators from the train otherwise two escalators then do a small U-Turn to the left heading toward 12<sup>th</sup> street, the South Lobby entrance is directly and immediately to your right (Glass Doors -EPA Signified on Glass).

EPA address is 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW. If you are coming by taxi/vehicle, you want to be dropped off on 12th NW, **which is between Pennsylvania and Constitution Avenue**. It is almost exactly half way between the two avenues on with Federal Triangle Metro sign and Trump Hotel Towers side entrance can be used as a landmark. From 12th Street, facing the building with the EPA and American flags, walk toward the building (under the flags) and take the glass door on your left hand side with the

escalators going down to the metro on your left. This again will be the **South Lobby of the William Jefferson Clinton building.**

Once inside the building, security will prompt you to scan all items such as bags, coats etc., and then let the guards know that you were instructed to call Cheryl Woodward at 564-1274 or Michelle Hale at 564-1430 to escort you to the meeting with the Administrator. Security will make temporary cards for everyone. Allow for 15 minutes to get through the process.

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**From:** Hupp, Sydney  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 23, 2017 1:07 PM  
**To:** Andi Johnson <[ajohnson@commercelexington.com](mailto:ajohnson@commercelexington.com)>  
**Cc:** Dickerson, Aaron <[dickerson.aaron@epa.gov](mailto:dickerson.aaron@epa.gov)>; Lynda Bebrowsky <[lbebrowsky@commercelexington.com](mailto:lbebrowsky@commercelexington.com)>; Woodward, Cheryl <[Woodward.Cheryl@epa.gov](mailto:Woodward.Cheryl@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: email introduction re: July scheduling request with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Of course! I am going to loop in Cheryl who can provide logistics for the day of. Yes, on names in advance, please.

Thank you!

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Office of the Administrator  
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**From:** Andi Johnson [<mailto:ajohnson@commercelexington.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 23, 2017 11:08 AM  
**To:** Hupp, Sydney <[hupp.sydney@epa.gov](mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Dickerson, Aaron <[dickerson.aaron@epa.gov](mailto:dickerson.aaron@epa.gov)>; Lynda Bebrowsky <[lbebrowsky@commercelexington.com](mailto:lbebrowsky@commercelexington.com)>  
**Subject:** RE: email introduction re: July scheduling request with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Thanks for your flexibility. We look forward to the visit on Wed, July 12 at 2:30 pm. In terms of questions about room set-up, we would like the meeting to be as interactive as possible. I defer to your judgement as to how the room is arranged given the space.

Please let us know what we need to do as it relates to security and entering the building. Some initial questions include:

- Do you need to know the names of attendees in advance? If so, what information do you need?
- What entrance do visitors need to use to enter the building? Will someone meet us in the lobby and direct us to the room location?

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**From:** Hupp, Sydney [<mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 23, 2017 9:37 AM  
**To:** Andi Johnson <[ajohnson@commercelexington.com](mailto:ajohnson@commercelexington.com)>  
**Cc:** Dickerson, Aaron <[dickerson.aaron@epa.gov](mailto:dickerson.aaron@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: email introduction re: July scheduling request with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Can do! Moved it on the calendar to 2:30 on the 12<sup>th</sup>.

Thanks!

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**From:** Andi Johnson [<mailto:ajohnson@commercelexington.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 23, 2017 8:45 AM  
**To:** Hupp, Sydney <[hupp.sydney@epa.gov](mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: email introduction re: July scheduling request with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Sydney,

I am also trying to schedule a meeting/visit to DOT with Secretary Chao. Her office got back to me last night and requested Thursday, July 13 in the afternoon.

Before I work with them further, I wanted to double back with you to see if Wed, July 12 around 2:30 pm would be a possibility for us to travel to EPA to meet with Administrator Pruitt – rather than Thursday.

If not, we understand and I'll work with the Secretary Chao's office on timing. We might be able to complete two agency meetings on Thursday afternoon. Our flight leaves late out of DC.

I'm just trying to be aware of all my options as we put the pieces together that is our agenda puzzle!

I sincerely appreciate all your help on this request.

Andi

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**From:** Hupp, Sydney [<mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 22, 2017 3:51 PM

**To:** Andi Johnson <[ajohnson@commercelexington.com](mailto:ajohnson@commercelexington.com)>  
**Cc:** Woodward, Cheryl <[Woodward.Cheryl@epa.gov](mailto:Woodward.Cheryl@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: email introduction re: July scheduling request with EPA Administrator Pruitt

2:00PM it is! Looping in Cheryl for your security questions. On a group of 50, would you want him to speak to them or set it up mostly as a roundtable with some people in chairs to the side?

Thanks!

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**From:** Andi Johnson [<mailto:ajohnson@commercelexington.com>]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 22, 2017 3:31 PM  
**To:** Hupp, Sydney <[hupp.sydney@epa.gov](mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: email introduction re: July scheduling request with EPA Administrator Pruitt

This is great. To be on the safe side with travel, can we say 2 pm for the meeting start time? I received confirmation on Sen. Paul's time and it's 12:15 pm. I think having this extra 30 minutes will be better in case he is running late (which has happened every year).

How much time do you think we should allow for a group of 50 to get through security at EPA?

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**From:** Hupp, Sydney [<mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 22, 2017 3:12 PM  
**To:** Andi Johnson <[ajohnson@commercelexington.com](mailto:ajohnson@commercelexington.com)>; Rusty Ashcraft <[Rusty.Ashcraft@arlp.com](mailto:Rusty.Ashcraft@arlp.com)>  
**Cc:** Bennett, Tate <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)>; Dickerson, Aaron <[dickerson.aaron@epa.gov](mailto:dickerson.aaron@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: email introduction re: July scheduling request with EPA Administrator Pruitt

1:30 works!

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**From:** Andi Johnson [<mailto:ajohnson@commercelexington.com>]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 22, 2017 10:45 AM  
**To:** Hupp, Sydney <[hupp.sydney@epa.gov](mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov)>; Rusty Ashcraft <[Rusty.Ashcraft@arlp.com](mailto:Rusty.Ashcraft@arlp.com)>

**Cc:** Bennett, Tate <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)>; Dickerson, Aaron <[dickerson.aaron@epa.gov](mailto:dickerson.aaron@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: email introduction re: July scheduling request with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Sydney,

Would it be possible to meet at EPA on Thursday, July 13 anytime after 1:30 pm? Would that still be an option?

I received scheduling requests back from Sen. McConnell and Sen. Paul and they've requested our group meet with them mid-morning through lunch on Thursday at the Capitol.

If it's easier to speak by phone, please let me know a good time to give you a call.

Andi

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**From:** Hupp, Sydney [<mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov>]

**Sent:** Monday, May 15, 2017 3:39 PM

**To:** Andi Johnson <[ajohnson@commercelexington.com](mailto:ajohnson@commercelexington.com)>; Rusty Ashcraft <[Rusty.Ashcraft@arlp.com](mailto:Rusty.Ashcraft@arlp.com)>

**Cc:** Bennett, Tate <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)>; Dickerson, Aaron <[dickerson.aaron@epa.gov](mailto:dickerson.aaron@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: email introduction re: July scheduling request with EPA Administrator Pruitt

We would love to host you at the EPA on July 13<sup>th</sup>! Mid-morning sound okay? Very flexible on timing. Are you wanting it to be a meeting or set up for him to speak?

Thank you!

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**Sydney Hupp**  
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Office of the Administrator

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**From:** Andi Johnson [<mailto:ajohnson@commercelexington.com>]

**Sent:** Friday, May 12, 2017 5:26 PM

**To:** Hupp, Sydney <[hupp.sydney@epa.gov](mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov)>; Rusty Ashcraft <[Rusty.Ashcraft@arlp.com](mailto:Rusty.Ashcraft@arlp.com)>

**Cc:** Bennett, Tate <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)>; Dickerson, Aaron <[dickerson.aaron@epa.gov](mailto:dickerson.aaron@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: email introduction re: July scheduling request with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Sydney,

Great news! Right now, our schedule on Wednesday, July 12 and Thursday, July 13 is flexible. I've sent speaking requests to all the Kentucky delegation offices and to Secretary Chao. I'm waiting to hear back from them.

We have space reserved in the Capitol Visitors Center for both days from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Is there a time that you think would be better for Mr. Pruitt? Would he be traveling to us in the CVC or would you prefer our group hear from him at EPA?

Andi

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**Sent:** Friday, May 12, 2017 1:15 PM  
**To:** Andi Johnson <[ajohnson@commercelexington.com](mailto:ajohnson@commercelexington.com)>; Rusty Ashcraft <[Rusty.Ashcraft@arl.gov](mailto:Rusty.Ashcraft@arl.gov)>  
**Cc:** Bennett, Tate <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)>; Dickerson, Aaron <[dickerson.aaron@epa.gov](mailto:dickerson.aaron@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: email introduction re: July scheduling request with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Thank you all. It looks like this is something we can move forward on getting set up. Is there a specific time that day that we should be looking at?

Thank you!

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**From:** Andi Johnson [<mailto:ajohnson@commercelexington.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2017 4:35 PM  
**To:** Rusty Ashcraft <[Rusty.Ashcraft@arl.gov](mailto:Rusty.Ashcraft@arl.gov)>; Hupp, Sydney <[hupp.sydney@epa.gov](mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Bennett, Tate <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: email introduction re: July scheduling request with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Thank you, Sydney and Rusty. If there are any questions about the event, please feel free to reach out to me for more information.

I hope we're able to work this out!

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**From:** Rusty Ashcraft [mailto:Rusty.Ashcraft@arlp.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2017 2:01 PM  
**To:** Hupp, Sydney <hupp.sydney@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>; Andi Johnson <ajohnson@commercelexington.com>  
**Subject:** RE: email introduction re: July scheduling request with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Sydney

I hope you are well. Do you have any update on the appearance request by Commerce Lexington for Administrator Pruitt?

Thanks Rusty

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**From:** Rusty Ashcraft  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 13, 2017 10:48 AM  
**To:** 'Hupp, Sydney'  
**Cc:** Bennett, Tate; Witt, Ethan (McConnell); Conner, Katelyn (McConnell);  
ajohnson@commercelexington.com  
**Subject:** RE: email introduction re: July scheduling request with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Sydney

Thank you. I have attached the completed form. Please let me know if there are questions? Also, feel to invite the Administrator, Tate, et al to the Kentuckians in Washington Event at Union Station on July 12 from 6-7:30.

Thanks

Rusty Ashcraft  
Manager, Government Affairs & Environmental Policy  
Alliance Coal, LLC  
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**From:** Hupp, Sydney [mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 12, 2017 3:34 PM  
**To:** Rusty Ashcraft  
**Cc:** Bennett, Tate; Witt, Ethan (McConnell); Conner, Katelyn (McConnell)  
**Subject:** RE: email introduction re: July scheduling request with EPA Administrator Pruitt

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Thank you! Rusty, I have attached a meeting request form. Would you please fill it out at your convenience and send back? Please let me know if you have any questions on it!

Thank you!

Sydney Hupp  
Office of the Administrator- Scheduling

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**From:** Rusty Ashcraft [<mailto:Rusty.Ashcraft@arl.gov>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 12, 2017 11:13 AM  
**To:** Conner, Katelyn (McConnell) <[Katelyn\\_Conner@mccconnell.senate.gov](mailto:Katelyn_Conner@mccconnell.senate.gov)>  
**Cc:** Hupp, Sydney <[hupp.sydney@epa.gov](mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov)>; Bennett, Tate <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)>; Witt, Ethan (McConnell) <[Ethan\\_Witt@mccconnell.senate.gov](mailto:Ethan_Witt@mccconnell.senate.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: email introduction re: July scheduling request with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Thank you for your assistance...

Rusty

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 12, 2017, at 9:09 AM, Conner, Katelyn (McConnell) <[Katelyn\\_Conner@mccconnell.senate.gov](mailto:Katelyn_Conner@mccconnell.senate.gov)> wrote:

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Rusty,  
Ethan Witt mentioned that you are interested in requesting a meeting with Administrator Pruitt when the Bluegrass Region Policy Group visits DC in July. I wanted to connect you with Sydney Hupp, who handles scheduling requests for the Administrator. She's your best contact for facilitating this request.

Please let our office know if you need anything else while you're in town. Hope all is well!

Best,  
Katelyn

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**From:** Kathy Bergren [Bergren@ncga.com]  
**Sent:** 6/21/2018 3:45:33 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, E]  
**Subject:** RE: ICYMI: Administrator Pruitt Wraps Up Week-Long Heartland Tour

Thanks for sharing the wrap-up, Tate. And congrats to you and Mark – hope all is going well so far!

We understand the Administrator may be in MO tomorrow, along with Secretary Perdue, so getting some additional questions from MO Corn about any possible announcement on the RVO or possible plans to reallocate exempted gallons. Understand there may not be a lot that can be share around the proposed rule, but if there is anything that you can share around the Missouri visit, I would appreciate it very much.

Kathy

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**From:** Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>  
**Sent:** Sunday, June 17, 2018 3:12 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** ICYMI: Administrator Pruitt Wraps Up Week-Long Heartland Tour

All-

I just wanted to share the below press release in case you missed it last Friday. It's a wrap up of Administrator Pruitt's positive visits throughout rural America last week. Many educational, informative and meaningful discussions were held on an array of topics.

As always, let me know if you have any questions.

AND, Happy Father's Day to many of you!

Tate

**From:** "EPA Press Office" <[press@epa.gov](mailto:press@epa.gov)>  
**Date:** June 15, 2018 at 6:19:20 PM EDT  
**To:** "[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)" <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Administrator Pruitt Wraps Up Week-Long Heartland Tour  
**Reply-To:** [press@epa.gov](mailto:press@epa.gov)

## Administrator Pruitt Wraps Up Week-Long Heartland Tour

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**Omaha, NE** (June 15, 2018) – U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Scott Pruitt just wrapped up a tour across the heartland – meeting with farmers in Kansas, South Dakota, and Nebraska. Administrator Pruitt released the following statement:

“Our nation’s farmers are important partners to EPA in achieving positive environmental outcomes. After visiting communities in Kansas, South Dakota, and Nebraska, I will take perspectives shared with me back to Washington to continue working on meaningful solutions on important issues such as the Renewable Fuel Standard.”

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## WHAT THEY ARE SAYING

### KANSAS

**Congressman Roger Marshall:** “Good to have Administrator Pruitt in Kansas and especially at an Ethanol plant where he could hear firsthand concerns about proposed changes to the RFS. I’m glad to see the EPA and this administration taking farmers concerns seriously and taking the time to hear from them firsthand. I’m also especially heartened by the discussion of progress on a sorghum Oil Biofuels Pathway.”

**Kansas Department of Agriculture Secretary Dr. Jackie McClaskey:** “We appreciate the opportunity to show the EPA administrator the important work being done in Kansas to protect natural resources while growing Kansas agriculture, and we look forward to continuing the conversation in the future. Communication with our federal partners is key to developing policy that meets the needs of Kansas farmers, ranchers and agribusiness.”

**Kansas Department of Health and Environment Secretary Jeff Andersen:** “We appreciate the opportunities provided by the Environmental Protection Agency to implement federal programs in ways that meet the needs of our state. We will continue to work with our State and federal partners, such as EPA, to identify innovative solutions to Kansas environmental concerns, such as smoke management and drinking water and wastewater system compliance.”

**Kansas Farm Bureau President Rich Felts:** “Administrator Pruitt visited Farm Bureau members in the Flint Hills region of Kansas today to see firsthand the need for prescribed wildland fire to maintain a native ecosystem of tallgrass prairie. Kansas ranchers need a partner from regulators such as KDHE and EPA to ensure the centuries-old tradition of prairie fire continues to keep invasive trees and species at bay. We trust Administrator Pruitt and the Trump Administration will do everything in their power to ensure the Flint Hills region remains in native prairie and is not overcome with Eastern Red Cedar and other non-native plants.”

**East Kansas Agri-Energy President Bill Pracht:** “That today’s meeting with Administrator Pruitt far exceeded the scheduled time limit for the gathering speaks to the urgency of the uncertain conditions confronting East Kansas Agri-Energy and Kansas corn growers. This venue provided all of us a critical opportunity to explain exactly how EPA’s real and proposed actions directly impact East Kansas Agri-Energy and Kansas

corn. We thank Mr. Pruitt for listening.”

**Butamax Advanced Biofuels, LLC CEO Jan Koninckx:** “Butamax welcomes the decision by the EPA, after thorough review of Butamax’s submission, to register isobutanol at 16% level as a gasoline additive. We believe that the combination of bio-isobutanol’s desirable fuel properties and Butamax’s production technology means that bio-isobutanol has the potential for widespread introduction into commerce.”

## **SOUTH DAKOTA**

**NorthWestern Energy CEO Bob Rowe:** “We were honored to visit today with EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt and highlight our work to provide our customers in South Dakota, Nebraska and Montana secure, reliable and affordable electricity and natural gas. We rely on a diverse balance of fuel sources, including hydro, coal, natural gas, wind and solar, to serve our customers. We are committed to environmental stewardship in all aspects of our service. We support a thoughtful approach to energy policy that will allow us to continue to provide safe, reliable, affordable, and environmentally responsible essential services to the people and communities we serve.”

**South Dakota Cattlemen’s Association Executive Director Jodie Anderson:** “SDCA welcomes Administrator Pruitt to South Dakota to see first-hand the strong conservation ethic demonstrated by our state’s farmers and ranchers. We appreciate the opportunity to thank the Administrator directly for the work he has done thus far to roll back burdensome regulations, especially the Waters of the U.S. (WOTUS) rule. Landowners care for and about the land and other natural resources and we appreciate Administrator Pruitt’s actions, which acknowledge that more bureaucracy and government mandates do not necessarily equate to cleaner air and water.”

**Event Host and Farmer from Reliance, South Dakota, Adam Schindler:** “Our decision to host EPA Administrator Pruitt was a decision carefully weighed and decided. As a farmer and a leader, the significance of an opportunity to host a cabinet-level official who leads decisions authorized through the EPA that have a six-figure impact on our annual farm profitability and discuss what we like and do not like was a worthwhile endeavor. It was a professional event with very frank discussion between producers and the Administrator about Renewable Fuels Standard concerns, the sorghum oil advanced biofuels pathway and other EPA decisions that impact South Dakota farmers and ranchers. We appreciate Administrator Pruitt for taking the time to listen to these concerns and challenges. The changes in blending obligations related to RFS waivers are costing South Dakota farmers millions of dollars and there are clear differences of opinion between the Administrator and agriculture on the impact of RIN prices on commodity prices. We hope to see the EPA take steps to resolve this issue and maintain the Administration’s commitment to renewable fuels.”

## **NEBRASKA**

**Nebraska Governor Pete Ricketts:** “Thank you to President Trump and Administrator Pruitt for delivering on your promise to roll back the job-killing WOTUS regulation. Today’s announcement is the next step toward returning common sense to federal oversight of intra-state waterways. Removing this threat to our state’s top job creators gives Nebraska the freedom to grow more opportunities for the next generation in the areas of agriculture and manufacturing.”

**Mayor of Omaha Jean Stothert:** “We work cooperatively with the EPA on many important projects. Today, I shared our plans for the Omaha Riverfront Revitalization project, which includes Lewis and Clark Landing, a former Superfund site. The work we are doing can be shared with other cities to redevelop these sites for new public use.”

**Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality Director Jim Macy:** “This is the first time I’ve been able to pick up the phone and call EPA staff directly and elevate issues that need resolving. We thank Administrator Pruitt and his team for the cooperation as we work to achieve positive environmental outcomes for Nebraska.”

**Green Plains CEO Todd Becker:** “We appreciate Administrator Pruitt taking the time to visit and learn more about the challenges and opportunities for the ethanol industry and the broader agriculture community. We will continue to work toward solutions that allow greater market access for ethanol in line with the President’s commitment to rural America.”

**Nebraska Cattlemen President Galen Frenzen:** “Producers are the original environmentalists, and we care deeply about our water and our land as that’s our livelihood. If we are going to get our next generation home to the ranch, we need clarity and certainty regarding regulation. Nebraska’s livestock industry needs a replacement rule that is common-sense and allows landowners to easily determine whether a WOTUS exists on our operation.”

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## REGIONAL COVERAGE

**EPA Chief Scott Pruitt Visits Nebraska To Talk About Trump Administration's New Waters Of The United States Rule.** “Scott Pruitt met with a group called Common Sense Nebraska at the Nebraska Farm Bureau headquarters in Lincoln... He told the group that the EPA on Friday plans to propose a new set of rules about what constitutes a Water of the United States and therefore is subject to federal regulations. A previous proposal under then-President Barack Obama received intense criticism from agriculture groups that said it went too far. Pruitt described the upcoming proposal as ‘regulatory reform’ rather than ‘deregulation.’” ([Omaha World-Herald](#), 6/15/2018)

**Administrator Pruitt Holds Round table With Farm Bureau In Lincoln.** “Scott Pruitt stopped by Farm Bureau to do a round table with the leaders of agriculture in Nebraska.

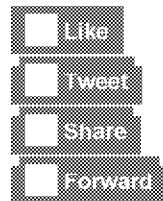
He focused on the new bill for Waters Of The United States. The Trump administration is releasing the replacement of the definition of Waters Of The United States rule, also known as WOTUS. 'It's going to provide clarity to farmers and ranchers and folks all over the country with respect to how a federal jurisdiction begins and where it ends.' Pruitt said the old WOTUS Act treated farmers, ranchers and land owners not like partners, but adversaries." ([KLNTV](#), 6/14/2018)

**Pruitt Meets With Ag Groups To Discuss WOTUS And E-15 Fuel Blends.** "Scott Pruitt, the Environmental Protection Agency administrator, visited the Cornhusker state on Thursday to meet with not only the governor, but with members of several agriculture groups. Among the topics discussed at Thursday's meeting, Pruitt spoke not only about the Waters of the U.S. rule, but also allowing E-15 fuel blends year round...Pruitt said changes are coming to WOTUS as soon as Friday." ([Nebraska TV](#), 6/14/2018)

**VIDEO: EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt Visits Kansas Ethanol Plant.** ([The High Plains Journal](#), 6/14/18)

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Andrew

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Andrew & Andrew,

Wanted to send a quick note to: (1) gauge whether NPMA and NAAA will be sending out a press statement in support of C&T extension timeline (assuming such a response will be forthcoming); and (2) briefly introduce you all to Tate Bennet, who recently came on board with EPA's Intergovernmental office.

If we are fortunate enough to see an extension to the Certification timeline, NASDA will be sending out the attached press release in support of that decision and we would encourage other groups to do the same.

Also, I recommend the PPC invite Tate (and possibly one or two of her colleagues) to the next meeting.

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Chip Bowling, a corn grower in Newburg, Md., serves as chairman of the Corn Board of the National Corn Growers Association, a farmer-led trade association with offices in St. Louis and Washington, DC.

Bowling is a third-generation farmer operating a 1,400-acre grain farm growing corn, soybean, wheat, barley and grain sorghum only an hour's drive outside of Washington, D.C.

A graduate of NCGA's first Advanced Leadership Academy class, Bowling currently chairs the Nominating Committee, serves as a member of the National Corn Growers Association Foundation and co-chairs the Agri-Industry Council Executive Committee. Additionally, he serves on NCGA's Governance Committee, Resolutions Task Force and as its representative on Monsanto's Grower Advisory Committee, the USDA Environmental Protection Agency Farm, Ranch and Rural Communities Committee and as Vice Chair of the U.S. Farmers and Ranchers Alliance Board of Directors.

Previously, Bowling has served on the Association Relations Committee, as a delegate to the U.S. Grains Council, and as representative to the National Corn-to-Ethanol Research Advisory Board. He has also held positions on NCGA's Finance Committee, the Mycotoxin Task Force and the CornPAC Committee.

Bowling has served at the state and local levels as a past president of the Maryland Grain Producers Association, as Farm Service Agency committee chairman, as a director for the Charles County Farm Bureau and on the Charles County Economic Development Board.

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January 3, 2017

Transition Team  
President-Elect Donald Trump

Dear Transition Team,

As a lifelong family farmer, a successful entrepreneur, and a volunteer-leader in both state and local government and within the agriculture industry, I see firsthand the impact government has on our lives every day. Government has gotten too big, too complicated, and too powerful. I want to be on the front lines to reform it as a member of the President-elect’s administration. I am interested in serving in many capacities, but the positions that best fit my background and experience are USDA Deputy Secretary, EPA Deputy Administrator, NRCS Chief, and EPA Counselor on Agriculture.

Over the past 30 years, I have built and run successful businesses, served my community, and risen to national leadership roles in my industry. I served as president of the National Corn Growers Association, the nation’s largest commodity organization, and am currently vice chairman of U.S. Farmers and Ranchers Alliance, which represents nearly 100 farmer- and rancher-led organizations and agricultural partners. I have spent my career building things, leading teams and operations, solving problems, and making tough decisions. I will put my background and leadership experiences to work on day one for the Trump administration.

The two government agencies with the greatest impact on farmers are USDA and EPA. Unfortunately, neither department has enough actual farmers among its ranks. Two years ago, I hosted a group of EPA employees on my farm in southern Maryland to talk about the Waters of the U.S. rule. I was surprised and disappointed to find that many of them had never set foot on a farm. It’s no wonder so many government regulations lack common sense. That has to change—and that change starts here, with farmers like me.

For too long, we farmers have kept our heads down, working hard to feed and fuel the world. I am stepping up to serve because I believe we can make American agriculture even better. I want to roll back unnecessary government regulations, find common-sense solutions, and continue to grow America’s successful ethanol industry. We must ensure that farming remains a viable business, and that America continues to have the safest and most affordable food supply in the world. I am an outsider who will bring a fresh perspective and new ideas to make government work better for everyone.

I look forward to discussing how I can serve the administration, and thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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## Experience

**Bowling Agri-Services, Inc. and Bunker Hill Farm, LLC**  
**Newburg, Maryland**  
**Owner, Resident Manager, and Farmer**  
**1999-Present**

- Third-generation farm on Wicomico River, a Tributary of the Zekiah Swamp Watershed within the Potomac River Watershed
- Handle all farm operations and logistics for 1500-acre farm, raising corn, soybeans, sorghum, and wheat. Former tobacco farmer and livestock producer
- Manage state and local government contracts for roadside mowing and snow removal

### Other Business Experience:

- Partner and co-owner, Southern Materials Sand and Gravel Co., 1996-1999
- Salesman for concrete, sand, and gravel, Chaney Enterprises, 1986-1999

## Leadership

### National Corn Growers Association (NCGA), 2002-present

- Chairman, 2016-2017; President, 2014-2016; First Vice President, 2013-2014
- Corn Board Member, 2011-present
- Maryland State delegate/alternate to NCGA Corn Congress, 2009-present
- Action teams and committees:
  - Ethanol Committee liaison, 2012-13
  - Public Policy Action Team, 2009-11
  - Governance Committee, 2016-present
  - NCGA Foundation, 2015-present
  - Agri-Industry Council, 2014-present
  - National Corn to Ethanol Research Advisory Board, 2014-2015
  - Finance Committee, 2013-2014
  - Association Relations Committee, 2012-13

### U.S. Farmers and Ranchers Alliance (USFRA), 2015-present

- Vice Chair, 2016-present

### Maryland Grain Producers Association (MGPA)

- President, 2009-2011; Vice President, 2007-2009
- Board of Directors, 2006-present
- James R. Miller Award recipient, 2015

### Maryland Grain Producers Utilization Board (MGPUB) Board of Directors, 2006-present

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## Other Relevant Experience:

- Alternate board member, Maizall Alliance, 2015-present
- Monsanto Grower Advisory Committee, 2016-present
- EPA Farm, Ranch, and Rural Communities Federal Advisory Committee (FRRCC) member, 2011-present
- U.S. Grains Council delegate, 2014-2016
- U.S. Grains Council Corn Mission to Africa, 2007
- Charles County, Maryland Farm Bureau Board of Directors, 2008-present
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- High school graduate



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Tate, I haven't heard back from Amy yet.

Thanks,

Andrew

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**Subject:** RE: PPC Meeting June 15th

Tate, Amy & John,

Sorry for the delayed response, but we're all set for June 15<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 to 12:00. The meeting will most likely be at Crop Life America's office but I'll confirm as the date nears. I can meet you in the lobby when you arrive. Im sending a calendar invite now and will touch base with you again the week of. Have a great weekend.

Thanks,

Andrew

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**Sent:** Thursday, June 1, 2017 1:40 PM  
**To:** Andrew Bray <abray@pestworld.org>; Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: PPC Meeting June 15th

Adding Konkus to see if he can join too.

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**From:** Andrew Bray [mailto:abray@pestworld.org]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 1, 2017 1:37 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>; Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: PPC Meeting June 15th

Tate,

Could you please let me know by early next week if you will be able to attend the PPC meeting?

Thanks,

Andrew

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**Sent:** Tuesday, May 23, 2017 4:02 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)>; 'graham.amy@epa.gov' <[graham.amy@epa.gov](mailto:graham.amy@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Jim Fredericks <[jfredericks@pestworld.org](mailto:jfredericks@pestworld.org)>  
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Tate and Amy,

I heard back from others on PPC leadership and we would like to invite you to speak at our meeting on June 15<sup>th</sup>. The meeting runs from 10:30 to 12:00 and we reserve 11:30 – 12:00 for discussion with an outside speaker like you. We would also like to invite Nancy Beck and Samantha Dravis if they have availability. We would hope to be able to present some of our issues but also have a discussion with you and some updates from EPA. We can finalize details when closer.

Please let me know at your earliest convenience.

Thanks,

Andrew

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**To:** Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]; Andrew Bray [abray@pestworld.org]  
**Subject:** RE: Introduction & DRAFT NASDA Statement on C&T

Hi Tate and Andrew – Let me know when works for you and I'll make myself available to meet.

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**Subject:** PPC meeting

Tate –

Following up with you regarding the invitation to speak to the Pesticide Policy Coalition at our next meeting regarding EPA activities (WPS, C&T, FIFRA generally, ESA, you name it). The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 20 from 10:30 – noon, location TBD. We would love to have you and any other policy folks you deem appropriate.

Ethan Mathews  
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**Subject:** Andrew Bray

Tate,

Something was wrong with my voicemail and I just got your message from Monday. Do you still need me to call you or have we resolved this issue via email concerning the meeting next week?

Thanks,

Andrew

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**From:** Kathy Bergren [Bergren@ncga.com]  
**Sent:** 5/19/2017 6:38:13 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]  
**Subject:** RE: EPA contact info

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From: Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]  
Sent: Friday, May 19, 2017 2:37 PM  
To: Kathy Bergren <Bergren@ncga.com>  
Subject: RE: EPA contact info

Good seeing you yesterday! May I give you a call really quickly if you aren't in the middle of something?

-----Original Message-----

From: Kathy Bergren [mailto:Bergren@ncga.com]  
Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2017 5:12 PM  
To: Cheatham-Strickland, Latonia <Cheatham-Strickland.Latonia@epa.gov>; Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>  
Subject: RE: EPA contact info

Thank you, Tate and Latonia. I think we will have 3-4 people attending: Kathy Bergren, NCGA; Jessica Bennett, NCGA; Mike Dwyer, U.S. Grains Council. We may have one more from Grains Council joining us.

Thanks for helping set this meeting up.

Kathy

-----Original Message-----

From: Cheatham-Strickland, Latonia [mailto:Cheatham-Strickland.Latonia@epa.gov]  
Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2017 2:07 PM  
To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>; Kathy Bergren <Bergren@ncga.com>  
Cc: Gunasekara, Mandy <Gunasekara.Mandy@epa.gov>  
Subject: RE: EPA contact info

Will do.

Best Regards,

Latonia

-----Original Message-----

From: Bennett, Tate  
Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2017 1:10 PM  
To: Kathy Bergren <Bergren@ncga.com>  
Cc: Gunasekara, Mandy <Gunasekara.Mandy@epa.gov>; Cheatham-Strickland, Latonia <Cheatham-Strickland.Latonia@epa.gov>  
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Hey there! We are confirmed for 5/18. Apologies- we were running around a bit yesterday. Pesticide hearing. Ccing Mandy, but plan on coming to the North Building at 1200 PA Ave on 5/18 at 3 PM. How many folks are you bringin? Latonia, do you mind saving us a room/doing a calendar invite?

Thanks all!

Tate

Elizabeth Tate Bennett  
Senior Deputy Associate Administrator  
Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs Office of the Administrator U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

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From: Kathy Bergren [mailto:Bergren@ncga.com]  
Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2017 1:05 PM  
To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>  
Subject: RE: EPA contact info

Tate:

Sorry to bother you, but I just wanted to circle back and see if this meeting was confirmed on EPA's end. And if you want to hand me off to the policy office so you're not in the middle, that works too. Thanks so much for your help with this and getting us connected.

Kathy

-----Original Message-----

From: Kathy Bergren  
Sent: Wednesday, May 10, 2017 8:12 AM  
To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>  
Subject: Re: EPA contact info

Yes, that would be great. Thank you so much for your help with this - really appreciate it. Please let me know what you all need from me.

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> On May 9, 2017, at 10:13 PM, Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov> wrote:

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> Hey there. Could you guys do 5/18 at 3 PM?

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>> On May 8, 2017, at 4:30 PM, Kathy Bergren <Bergren@ncga.com> wrote:

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>> Tate:

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>> Congratulations on your job with the Administration -- hope things are going well and you are not hearing from all 535 Congressional offices at once.

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>> I hope you don't mind that Eric passed along your contact info. I'm no longer on the Hill, but started recently with the National Corn Growers Association, working on ethanol policy issues. I need to reach out to EPA policy staff on a couple of issues, but wanted to make sure I'm contacting the correct person. If you have a minute, could you let me know whether I'm on the right track?

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>> We are interested in meeting with EPA policy staff about two priority issues for corn growers, the RVP waiver for ethanol blends greater than 10 percent (Administrator Pruitt made comments on this issue last week) and updating EPA's lifecycle analysis for ethanol. Do you know whether Mandy Gunasekara in the policy office would be the best contact for these two issues?

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>> Thanks very much for your time and your help. Good luck in your new position!

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>> Kathy

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>> Director, Public Policy  
>> NCGA Washington Office  
>> 20 F Street NW, Suite 600  
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>> -----Original Message-----

>> From: Bergren, Eric [mailto:Eric.Bergren@mail.house.gov]

>> Sent: Friday, May 5, 2017 7:04 PM

>> To: Kathy Bergren <Bergren@ncga.com>

>> Subject:

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>> Bennett.tate@epa.gov

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**CC:** Konkus, John [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=555471b2baa6419e8e141696f4577062-Konkus, Joh]; Van Etten, Megan [MVanEtten@USChamber.com]  
**Subject:** RE: EPA to Extend Deadline for 2015 Ozone NAAQS Area Designations

Thank you, Tate. I'm copying Megan here, who is the Chamber's communications point of contact for energy and environment issues.

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**From:** Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 06, 2017 8:48 PM  
**To:** Day, Stacy; Bembenek, Lindsay  
**Cc:** Konkus, John  
**Subject:** Fwd: EPA to Extend Deadline for 2015 Ozone NAAQS Area Designations

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**From:** "Milbourn, Cathy" <Milbourn.Cathy@epa.gov>  
**Date:** June 6, 2017 at 6:35:34 PM EDT  
**To:** "Bennett, Tate" <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>, "Konkus, John" <konkus.john@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** EPA to Extend Deadline for 2015 Ozone NAAQS Area Designations



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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
June 6, 2017

## **EPA to Extend Deadline for 2015 Ozone NAAQS Area Designations**

**WASHINGTON** – U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Scott Pruitt sent a letter to governors today to inform them of EPA's efforts related to the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for ozone promulgated in October 2015. EPA is extending the deadline for promulgating initial area designations, by one year, for the 2015 ozone NAAQS.

“States have made tremendous progress and significant investment cleaning up the air. We will continue to work with states to ensure they are on a path to compliance,” **said Administrator Scott Pruitt.**

The National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) for ground-level ozone is an outdoor air regulation under the Clean Air Act. As part of the process to determine what areas of the country are able to meet the current air quality standards, states are currently submitting their proposals for area designations under the 70 parts per billion (ppb) standard, which was lowered from 75 ppb in 2015. Areas designated as being in “nonattainment” of the standard face consequences, including: increased regulatory burdens, restrictions on infrastructure investment, and increased costs to businesses.

EPA is giving states more time to develop air quality plans and EPA is looking at providing greater flexibility to states as they develop their plans. And, pursuant to the language in the recently-enacted FY2017 Omnibus funding bill, Administrator Pruitt is establishing an Ozone Cooperative Compliance Task Force to develop additional flexibilities for states to comply with the ozone standard.

Additionally, the Agency is taking time to better understand some lingering, complicated issues so that air attainment decisions can be based on the latest and greatest information. This additional time will also provide the agency time to review the 2015 ozone NAAQS, prior to taking this initial implementation step.

Although the new ozone standard was set on October 1, 2015, there remains a host of complex issues that could undermine associated compliance efforts by states and localities. The Agency is evaluating these issues, primarily focused on:

- Fully understanding the role of background ozone levels;
- Appropriately accounting for international transport,
- And, timely consideration of exceptional events demonstrations.

“We share the goal of clean air, a robust economy and stronger, healthier communities. We are committed to working with states and local officials to effectively implement the ozone standard in a manner that is supportive of air quality improvement efforts without interfering with local decisions or impeding economic growth,” **said Administrator Pruitt.**

Since 1980, total emissions of the six principal air pollutants have dropped by 63 percent and ozone levels have declined by 33 percent. Despite the continued improvement of air quality, costs associated with compliance of the ozone NAAQS have significantly increased.

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**CC:** Devin Mogler, Green Plains Inc. [Devin.Mogler@gpreinc.com]  
**Subject:** Re: Proposed Itinerary - Green Plains Omaha, NE

Devin -

Thank you for a great visit. The Administrator enjoyed visiting with your team.

Have a great weekend!

Kelly

On Jun 15, 2018, at 1:49 PM, Bennett, Tate <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)> wrote:

Hey Devin! Thanks again for making yesterday possible. He truly enjoyed the conversation. I'll see if I can dig up and forward our press release.

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Tate and Kelly,

Thanks again for all you did to help make the visit from the Administrator possible. Felt it went very well, and please don't hesitate to reach out going forward.

Have a great weekend!

Devin

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That sounds great. Thanks, all!

On Jun 13, 2018, at 10:46 AM, Bennett, Tate <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)> wrote:

That makes sense to me. Kelly?

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<[Devin.Mogler@gpreinc.com](mailto:Devin.Mogler@gpreinc.com)> wrote:



Tate and Kelly,

If the Administrator would like to speak to our employees and take a few questions, we thought that it might work better to do that on the front end of the visit, then pivot to the roundtable with Sr. Leadership. That way we don't have a hard stop if the conversation is going well! Please let me know if this itinerary works.

1:00 - 1:05 PM CDT – EPA Personnel arrive at Green Plains Inc. Omaha – Introductions

1:05 – 1:20 PM CDT – Comments from Administrator, discussion of policy issues, short Q&A (trade floor with all Corporate employees)

1:20 – 2:00 PM CDT – Overview of company, presentation on industry and topics pertinent to EPA, roundtable conversation (Board room w/ Sr. Leadership)

2:00 PM CDT – EPA Personnel depart

Also, in order to make the roundtable discussion less crowded and more constructive, we are paring back the attendees:

- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->Todd Becker – CEO and Director
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->Michelle Mapes – Chief Legal Officer
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->John Nepl – CFO
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->Jeff Briggs – COO and President Green Plains Ethanol
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->Jim Stark – VP Investor and Media Relations
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->Devin Mogler – VP Government Affairs

Thanks,

Devin

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**From:** Bennett, Tate [<mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>]

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 12, 2018 5:30 PM

**To:** Devin Mogler, Green Plains Inc. <[Devin.Mogler@gpreinc.com](mailto:Devin.Mogler@gpreinc.com)>

**Cc:** Kunderinger, Kelly <[kunderinger.kelly@epa.gov](mailto:kunderinger.kelly@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** Re: Proposed Itinerary - Green Plains Omaha, NE

Thank you!

On Jun 12, 2018, at 5:21 PM, Devin Mogler, Green Plains Inc. <[Devin.Mogler@gpreinc.com](mailto:Devin.Mogler@gpreinc.com)> wrote:

One addition:

- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->Todd Becker – CEO and Director
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->Michelle Mapes – Chief Legal Officer
  - <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->(Administrator Pruitt has met with

Todd and Michelle in October, 2017 and March, 2018. Additionally Todd had dinner with Administrator Pruitt the evening of his confirmation hearing in January 2017, and participated in one of the White House meetings in February 2018).

- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->John Neppel – CFO
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->Jeff Briggs – COO and President, Green Plains Ethanol
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->Patrich Simpkins – Chief Development Officer
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->Walter Cronin – EVP Commercial Operations
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->Tony Vojsalvek – EVP Risk Management
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->Mark Hudak – EVP – Human Resources
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->Paul Kolomaya – EVP Commodity Finance
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->Michael Metzler – EVP Gas & Power
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->Devin Mogler – VP Government Affairs
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Devin

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**From:** Devin Mogler, Green Plains Inc.  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 12, 2018 4:04 PM  
**To:** 'Bennett, Tate' <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Kunding, Kelly <[kunding.kelly@epa.gov](mailto:kunding.kelly@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Proposed Itinerary - Green Plains Omaha, NE

Thank you Tate.

Our Senior Management Team is:

- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->Todd Becker – CEO and Director
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->Michelle Mapes – Chief Legal Officer
  - <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->(Administrator Pruitt has met with Todd and Michelle in October, 2017 and March, 2018. Additionally Todd had dinner with Administrator Pruitt the evening of his confirmation hearing in January 2017, and participated in one of

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- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->Paul Kolomaya – EVP Commodity Finance
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->Michael Metzler – EVP Gas & Power

Additionally, I will be joining for the roundtable conversation.

Devin

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**From:** Bennett, Tate [<mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 12, 2018 3:32 PM  
**To:** Devin Mogler, Green Plains Inc.  
<[Devin.Mogler@gpreinc.com](mailto:Devin.Mogler@gpreinc.com)>  
**Cc:** Kunding, Kelly <[kunding.kelly@epa.gov](mailto:kunding.kelly@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Proposed Itinerary - Green Plains Omaha, NE

Thanks again for putting this agenda together. Here is a list of staff:

Kelly Kunding: Advance  
Lincoln Ferguson: Office of the Administrator  
Troy Lyons: Congressional  
Kelsi Daniel: Office of Public Affairs

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**From:** Devin Mogler, Green Plains Inc.  
<<mailto:Devin.Mogler@gpreinc.com>>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 12, 2018 10:50 AM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Proposed Itinerary - Green Plains Omaha, NE

Tate,

Thanks for the call!

Here's what I was thinking for a proposed itinerary:

1:00 - 1:05 PM CDT – EPA Personnel arrive at Green Plains Inc. Omaha – Introductions

1:05 – 1:45 PM CDT – Overview of company, presentation on industry and topics pertinent to EPA, roundtable conversation (Board room w/ Sr. Leadership)

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2:00 PM EDT – EPA Personnel depart

Will get you the list of names/titles for the round table directly.

Thanks again!

Devin Mogler | VP Government Affairs

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Email: [Devin.Mogler@gpreinc.com](mailto:Devin.Mogler@gpreinc.com)



Message

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**From:** Brooke Appleton [Appleton@ncga.com]  
**Sent:** 5/8/2017 8:51:42 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, E]  
**Subject:** RE: meeting request

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**From:** Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 8, 2017 4:51 PM  
**To:** Brooke Appleton <Appleton@ncga.com>  
**Subject:** Re: meeting request

What's your cell?

On May 8, 2017, at 4:50 PM, Brooke Appleton <Appleton@ncga.com> wrote:

Hey Tate,

I hope all is well!

Did you get a thumbs up or down on Ag Liaison position? Happy to chat if that's easier, just let me know a good time to call.

Thanks,

Brooke

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**From:** Brooke Appleton  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 23, 2017 4:32 PM  
**To:** Tate Bennett <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Fwd: meeting request

Hey Tate,

I wanted to put the request below on your radar screen. Chip is awesome and is eager to serve. He farms in the Chesapeake Bay so he brings a great perspective.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Brooke

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Ethan Mathews <Mathews@ncga.com>  
**Date:** April 21, 2017 at 5:18:34 PM EDT

To: "[dickerson.aaron@epa.gov](mailto:dickerson.aaron@epa.gov)" <[dickerson.aaron@epa.gov](mailto:dickerson.aaron@epa.gov)>

Cc: Brooke Appleton <[Appleton@ncga.com](mailto:Appleton@ncga.com)>

Subject: meeting request

Aaron –

On behalf of National Corn Growers Association Chairman Chip Bowling I would like to request a meeting with Administrator Pruitt to discuss the possibility of Chip serving as the Ag Counselor to the Administrator. Chip would greatly appreciate being considered for this role and is imminently qualified. He farms about an hour south of DC and is available to meet with Administrator Pruitt or others from his team should there be interest.

Please find his CV attached.

Ethan Mathews  
Director of Public Policy  
National Corn Growers Association  
20 F ST NW, Suite 600  
Washington, DC 20001  
[mathews@dc.ncga.com](mailto:mathews@dc.ncga.com)

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**From:** Brooke Appleton [Appleton@ncga.com]  
**Sent:** 4/11/2017 3:24:30 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group  
(FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, E]  
**Subject:** Catch up?

Hey Tate,

I hope all is going well and that you're enjoying your new role at EPA.

Would you have any time this week to catch up? I have a few questions and ideas I'd like to run by you. We could do coffee if you have time? Or over the phone, whatever works best.

Let me know what day/time might work best for you.

Thanks so much!!

Brooke

**Brooke Appleton**

Director, Public Policy and Political Strategy

National Corn Growers Association

Tel: 202-628-7001

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**Sent:** 6/15/2018 2:47:00 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group  
(FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, E]  
**Subject:** Re: AGC of America

Hi! Welcome back (if you ever really left, lol). I am tied up until this afternoon. Will try to reach you after lunch. Thanks.

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Leah F. Pilconis  
Senior Counsel, Environmental Law & Policy  
Associated General Contractors of America  
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pilconisl@agc.org

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From: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>  
Sent: Friday, June 15, 2018 8:23:21 AM  
To: Leah Pilconis  
Subject: Re: AGC of America

Give me a shout when you can.

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> On Apr 9, 2018, at 3:53 PM, Leah Pilconis <pilconisl@agc.org> wrote:

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> Ryan -

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> Please see attached.

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> Warm regards,

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> Leah

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> Leah F. Pilconis

> Senior Environmental Counsel

> AGC of America

> Direct: Ex. 6 | pilconisl@agc.org

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> <04092018 AGC Support for Wheeler Nom to EPA FINAL .pdf>



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**From:** Leighton Eusebio, Green Plains Inc. [Leighton.Eusebio@gpreinc.com]  
**Sent:** 6/11/2018 6:30:57 PM  
**To:** Kunding, Kelly [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=e3c9a5d16e2244079e222f342bf9992f-Kunding,]  
**CC:** Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, E]  
**Subject:** Re: Green Plains Visit

Kelly,

1:00 p.m. on Wednesday is perfect!

Thanks!

Leighton Eusebio | Public Relations Manager  
phone: Ex. 6 | email: [Leighton.Eusebio@gpreinc.com](mailto:Leighton.Eusebio@gpreinc.com)

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**From:** "Kunding, Kelly" <kunding.kelly@epa.gov>  
**Date:** Monday, June 11, 2018 at 1:28 PM  
**To:** "Leighton Eusebio, Green Plains Inc." <Leighton.Eusebio@gpreinc.com>  
**Cc:** "Bennett, Tate" <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Green Plains Visit

Leighton -

Thank you for your note. I am planning to come for a walk-through with our security detail on Wednesday at 1:00pm, as we always visit a site prior to the Administrator's arrival. He will then be there Thursday afternoon.

Please let me know if a walk-through at 1:00pm on Wednesday still works for you.

Thanks!

Kelly

On Jun 11, 2018, at 1:20 PM, Leighton Eusebio, Green Plains Inc. <[Leighton.Eusebio@gpreinc.com](mailto:Leighton.Eusebio@gpreinc.com)> wrote:

Kelly,

I just want to clarify when you and your team will arrive at Green Plains. Are you coming Wednesday at 1 p.m. or Thursday at 1 p.m.? I thought the Administrator's meeting was set for Thursday at 1 p.m.

Regards,

Leighton Eusebio | Public Relations Manager  
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**From:** "Bennett, Tate" <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)>  
**Date:** Monday, June 11, 2018 at 9:49 AM  
**To:** "Kundinger, Kelly" <[kundinger.kelly@epa.gov](mailto:kundinger.kelly@epa.gov)>, "Leighton Eusebio, Green Plains Inc." <[Leighton.Eusebio@gpreinc.com](mailto:Leighton.Eusebio@gpreinc.com)>  
**Subject:** RE: Green Plains Visit

Thank you!

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**From:** Kundinger, Kelly  
**Sent:** Monday, June 11, 2018 10:33 AM  
**To:** Leighton Eusebio, Green Plains Inc. <[Leighton.Eusebio@gpreinc.com](mailto:Leighton.Eusebio@gpreinc.com)>  
**Cc:** Bennett, Tate <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Green Plains Visit

Hi Leighton -

Yes, I will need to arrange a walk-through with you on Thursday. Our security detail will be joining me as well.

Are you available to meet at 1:00pm?

Thanks,

Kelly

On Jun 11, 2018, at 9:25 AM, Leighton Eusebio, Green Plains Inc.  
<[Leighton.Eusebio@gpreinc.com](mailto:Leighton.Eusebio@gpreinc.com)> wrote:

Hi Tate,

I want to confirm that we're all set to have Administrator Pruitt to meet at our headquarters in Omaha.

**Directions:**

Eppey Airfield  
4501 Abbott Drive  
Omaha, NE 68110 to

Green Plains Inc.  
1811 Aksarben Drive  
Omaha, NE 68106

Here's an updated link with directions from the airport:

<https://goo.gl/maps/HzLcFbrH7Zn>

We're about 14 miles from the airport so it will take about 20 minutes door to door.

The same people will be in attendance – will your security team still need to come by Wednesday?

Thank you!

Leighton Eusebio | Public Relations Manager  
phone: **Ex. 6** | email: [Leighton.Eusebio@gpreinc.com](mailto:Leighton.Eusebio@gpreinc.com)

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**Date:** Friday, June 8, 2018 at 3:03 PM  
**To:** "Leighton Eusebio, Green Plains Inc." <[Leighton.Eusebio@gpreinc.com](mailto:Leighton.Eusebio@gpreinc.com)>  
**Cc:** "Kundinger, Kelly" <[kundinger.kelly@epa.gov](mailto:kundinger.kelly@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Green Plains Visit

Thank you for this information, Leighton!

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**From:** Leighton Eusebio, Green Plains Inc. [<mailto:Leighton.Eusebio@gpreinc.com>]  
**Sent:** Friday, June 8, 2018 3:26 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Kundinger, Kelly <[kundinger.kelly@epa.gov](mailto:kundinger.kelly@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Green Plains Visit

Hi Tate,

Below you will find our attendee list, directions and what to expect during Administrator Pruitt's visit to Green Plains Shenandoah on Thursday, June 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Green Plains Attendees:**

Todd Becker – President and CEO  
Jeff Briggs – Chief Operating Officer and President, Green Plains Ethanol  
Michelle Mapes – Chief Legal and Administration Officer  
Devin Mogler – Vice President, Government Affairs  
Leighton Eusebio – Public Relations Manager  
\*If there are any amendments to this list, I will let you know.

**Directions:**

Eppley Airfield  
4501 Abbott Drive  
Omaha, NE 68110 to

Green Plains Shenandoah  
4124 Airport Road  
Shenandoah, IA 68110

Here is a link to Google Maps: <https://goo.gl/maps/Bd3hu4Z82162>. The plant is about 66.5 miles away from the airport and it takes about an hour and fifteen minutes to get door to door.

**What to expect:**

During your visit, we welcome the opportunity for a roundtable discussion and a tour of the plant. For the tour, please note that everyone must wear closed-toe shoes and long pants. Green Plains will provide hard hats and safety glasses.

For security purposes everyone must check in upon arrival. To expedite this process, could you provide a list with the names of EPA attendees? Also, do you know what time your security team will be checking the facility Wednesday? I will arrange my schedule to meet them there.

Later this week, I will follow up with supplemental information about Green Plains and our Shenandoah plant. If there is any further information that you need, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Regards,

Leighton Eusebio | Public Relations Manager  
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**Date:** Friday, June 8, 2018 at 12:04 PM  
**To:** "Leighton Eusebio, Green Plains Inc." <[Leighton.Eusebio@gpreinc.com](mailto:Leighton.Eusebio@gpreinc.com)>  
**Cc:** "Kundinger, Kelly" <[kundinger.kelly@epa.gov](mailto:kundinger.kelly@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Green Plains Visit

Thank you! Copying Kelly and I will call you shortly.

On Jun 8, 2018, at 12:43 PM, Leighton Eusebio, Green Plains Inc.  
<[Leighton.Eusebio@gpreinc.com](mailto:Leighton.Eusebio@gpreinc.com)> wrote:

Good Morning Tate,

Todd Becker just forwarded me your note regarding Administrator Pruitt's visit to Green Plains ethanol facility in Shenandoah, Iowa next Thursday, June 14th. Please let me know what further information you need from me to get this organized.

If it is easier to discuss on the phone, please feel free to call me at [Ex. 6]  
[Ex. 6]

Regards,

Leighton Eusebio | Public Relations Manager  
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**Subject:** Re: This AM

Perfect - chat then.

Devin

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> On Aug 9, 2018, at 5:54 AM, Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov> wrote:

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> It's an easy ? so I won't take long.

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>> On Aug 9, 2018, at 5:50 AM, Devin Mogler, Green Plains Inc. <Devin.Mogler@gpreinc.com> wrote:

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>> That should work. May be boarding, but try me anyway!

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>> Devin

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>>> On Aug 9, 2018, at 5:49 AM, Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov> wrote:

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>>> Can I call you at 7:45?

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>>>> On Aug 9, 2018, at 5:45 AM, Devin Mogler, Green Plains Inc. <Devin.Mogler@gpreinc.com> wrote:

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>>>> Hey Tate! I'm getting on a plane at 8:00 - supposed to land at 10:30 and have meetings from 12 to 2:00 - anytime outside of that!

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>>>> Devin

**Ex. 6**

>>>>> On Aug 9, 2018, at 5:43 AM, Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov> wrote:

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>>>>> Can I give you a shout at 9:30? Have a few questions for you. Hope you're well.

Message

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**From:** Leighton Eusebio, Green Plains Inc. [Leighton.Eusebio@gpreinc.com]  
**Sent:** 6/8/2018 5:09:27 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, E]  
**CC:** Kundinger, Kelly [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=e3c9a5d16e2244079e222f342bf9992f-Kundinger,]  
**Subject:** Re: Green Plains Visit

Sounds great, thanks!

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 8, 2018, at 12:04 PM, Bennett, Tate <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)> wrote:

Thank you! Copying Kelly and I will call you shortly.

On Jun 8, 2018, at 12:43 PM, Leighton Eusebio, Green Plains Inc. <[Leighton.Eusebio@gpreinc.com](mailto:Leighton.Eusebio@gpreinc.com)> wrote:

Good Morning Tate,

Todd Becker just forwarded me your note regarding Administrator Pruitt's visit to Green Plains ethanol facility in Shenandoah, Iowa next Thursday, June 14th. Please let me know what further information you need from me to get this organized.

If it is easier to discuss on the phone, please feel free to call me at **Ex. 6**

Regards,

Leighton Eusebio | Public Relations Manager  
phone: **Ex. 6** email: [Leighton.Eusebio@gpreinc.com](mailto:Leighton.Eusebio@gpreinc.com)

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**From:** Bob Casper [bobcasper@poetep.com]  
**Sent:** 6/7/2018 4:52:57 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]  
**CC:** Ashley David [AshleyDavid@poetep.com]  
**Subject:** Re: Touching base

OK.  
5 PM CDT today.  
Direct: [redacted] Ex. 6  
Cell: [redacted] Ex. 6  
bobc

From: "Bennett, Tate" <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>  
Date: Thursday, June 7, 2018 at 11:26 AM  
To: Bob & Arlo Casper <bobcasper@poetep.com>  
Subject: RE: Touching base

Apologies. Just got back to my desk. I can call you at 5 if you'd like. Essentially we'd like to arrange for a visit in Sioux Falls next Wednesday AM if at all possible. -Tate

From: Bob Casper [mailto:bobcasper@poetep.com]  
Sent: Thursday, June 7, 2018 12:23 PM  
To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>  
Subject: RE: Touching base

Tate,  
Left you a voicemail about finding a time today for a phone call.  
I am out of my meetings at 5PM CDT today.  
Tomorrow I am open from 9-10AM CDT and after 4PM CDT.  
Bobc

From: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov<mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>>  
Sent: Thursday, June 07, 2018 10:34 AM  
To: Bob Casper <bobcasper@poetep.com<mailto:bobcasper@poetep.com>>  
Cc: Ford, Hayley <ford.hayley@epa.gov<mailto:ford.hayley@epa.gov>>  
Subject: Touching base

Bob-

I hope this finds you well. Do you mind giving me a call regarding a potential opportunity to for a visit in SD next week? My work cell is [redacted] Ex. 6

Best.

Tate

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**From:** Walther, Robert [Robert.Walther@POET.COM]  
**Sent:** 6/10/2018 3:24:41 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, E]  
**Subject:** Re: Walther Contact Info

Hi Tate. Unfortunately we aren't able to gather and assemble the team such short notice.

But we want to be sure to offer up any POET facility as a backdrop should an announcement be made on RVP in the near future.

Sorry we couldn't make it work this time!

Rob

On Jun 8, 2018, at 4:18 PM, Bennett, Tate <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)> wrote:

Just wanted to check in and see if you had any new information? Thanks, Rob! -Tate

Robert Walther  
Vice President of Federal Advocacy

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-----Original Message-----

From: Walther, Robert [<mailto:Robert.Walther@POET.COM>]  
Sent: Friday, June 8, 2018 10:16 AM  
To: Bennett, Tate <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)>  
Subject: Walther Contact Info

Thanks for the call. Will begin running traps now.

Rob

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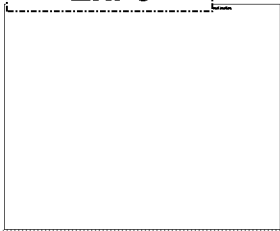
**From:** Earl Barrs [ebarrs@duesouthinvestments.com]  
**Sent:** 5/8/2018 6:08:46 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]; Lyons, Troy [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=15e4881c95044ab49c6c35a0f5eef67e-Lyons, Troy]; Letendre, Daisy [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=b691cccca6264ae09df7054c7f1019cb-Letendre, DJ]; Shimmin, Kaitlyn [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=becb3f33f9a14acd8112d898cc7853c6-Shimmin, Ka]; McMurray, Forrest [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=344246fb2cb643bfab4f92fe016566e2-McMurray, F]  
**CC:** Wanda Barrs [wbarrs@duesouthinvestments.com]; Earl Barrs [ebarrs@duesouthinvestments.com]  
**Subject:** FW: Forest Landowner Response to "Pruitt Wrong on Burning Forest for Energy"  
**Attachments:** ATT00001.txt

To our friends at EPA,

Please share with Administrator Pruitt my response below to the editors of the NY Times concerning the article published in last Thursday's paper. It was a great day for our small community to have the administrator come and celebrate earth day and make his announcement concerning EPA's ruling on the carbon neutrality of biomass.  
You folks are welcome at our place any time!

Earl D. Barrs  
Due South Investments, LLC  
201 Second St., Ste. 1200  
Macon, Georgia 31201

**Ex. 6** cell



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**From:** Earl Barrs  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 08, 2018 11:48 AM  
**To:** letters@nytimes.com  
**Cc:** Earl Barrs  
**Subject:** Forest Landowner Response to "Pruitt Wrong on Burning Forest for Energy"

Biomass article: [www.nytimes.com/2018/05/03/opinion/Pruitt-forest-burning-energy](http://www.nytimes.com/2018/05/03/opinion/Pruitt-forest-burning-energy)

Re: Pruitt Wrong on Burning Forest for Energy  
Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

It is with great pride that I have the opportunity to respond to the article written by the esteemed authors whom have so eloquently attempted to convince your readers of the believed misstep taken by EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt and his position on converting biomass to energy. Administrator Pruitt was in our small community as a result of an invitation by my wife and me to help him see and understand first hand, the challenges that family forest owners face in growing and managing our forest. While I will leave it to others more qualified than I to debate the science and the effect of converting wood to energy on our climate; I would like to share with your readers the benefits of using wood for energy for tree farmers like me and my community.

I am a tree farmer who happens to have a degree in forestry and in the past has been named National Tree Farmer of the Year by the American Forest Foundation. In addition, I have served on the boards of numerous state and national forestry and landowner organizations. My livelihood is not earned among the elites in an academic setting but is made in the forest that the authors seem to know and care so much about. It is from my vantage point that I would like to share with you a different perspective.

While the trees on college campuses are large, stately and often have individual care and attention, I live in a state, Georgia, which is two thirds forested and provides raw materials for one of the largest industries of our state. Our forests are predominately owned not by large corporations, but by families like mine that help provide a \$32 billion dollar overall economic impact, along with 133,000 jobs to hardworking Georgians. The majority of these jobs are located in rural areas, and without them many would find themselves on some type of government assistance. As a first generation forest landowner, I depend on my forest to help provide an income for me and my family. Unfortunately, after spending over 30 years planting, growing and managing my forest to a point where I can harvest a crop, I find myself without good dependable markets where I can sell my trees. Many of the small local sawmills in my area have been bought and markets consolidated by Canadian companies that reduce competition in the marketplace. The effect of this to the landowner has been a sharp reduction in timber prices. Therefore, the trees that I have been nurturing through the risks of drought, fire, insects and disease for most of my career are now worth less today than they were 40 years ago.

I have no choice but to sell my trees for what the current market brings, but I do have a choice if I should replant them or convert my land to other uses. Much of my forest land has the potential to be converted to other uses like row crop agriculture. Many of my neighbors have chosen this more lucrative option. Now instead of planting trees and harvesting some of them every fifteen to thirty years, they plant and harvest their cotton, corn or peanuts every year. But that is not the worst of it. They clear up the forest and dig irrigation wells that can pump thousands of gallons of water from the aquifer a day. In addition they go in their fields with large equipment on multiple trips to plant, spread fertilizers (which lead to an increase in greenhouse gases, a main component in causing global warming), and chemicals for weed and insect control all of which increase the risk of soil erosion and compaction. At this point they can harvest a more profitable crop with the advantage of receiving their income annually. This is certainly

not a criticism of agriculture; it is just a comparison of land uses that we as landowners have to choose from.

All of this to say, that without competitive markets for our trees, forest landowners will be forced to look for alternatives to earning income from their land. Biomass to energy provides landowners with another market option allowing us to keep our forest in forest and not be forced to convert them to other less environmentally friendly uses. It is a well-known fact that the reason we have so many trees in Georgia is that we have traditionally had strong, vibrant and healthy markets for which to sell our trees.

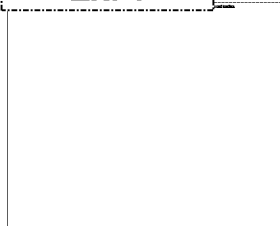
Academics and environmentalist alike who are critical of allowing forest owners to having another market for their trees are only seeing one side of the equation. I invite these ladies and gentlemen along with the editors of the NY Times to step from behind their wooden desks and visit my forest to observe the real life cycle of forest and foresters and the job we do to protect our environment. The same forest that clean the air we breathe, the water we drink, provide homes to wildlife in addition to providing over 5,000 products that we use every day. Add to this, jobs for thousands in rural communities where Amazon will never consider building their new headquarters.

Earl D. Barrs  
Forest Landowner  
Tree Farmer of the Year, 2009

Earl D. Barrs  
Due South Investments, LLC  
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**From:** Devin Mogler, Green Plains Inc. [Devin.Mogler@gpreinc.com]  
**Sent:** 6/11/2018 3:10:21 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]  
**Subject:** Re: Potential meeting

Sorry - was in the air. Call shortly!

Devin

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On Jun 11, 2018, at 8:44 AM, Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov> wrote:

Do you mind giving me a call when you have a chance? Ex. 6

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**From:** Devin Mogler, Green Plains Inc. [mailto:Devin.Mogler@gpreinc.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, June 11, 2018 7:45 AM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Potential meeting

Tate,

Just noticed that Kelsi wasn't copied on this (unless it was bcc).

Hope you had a good weekend!

Devin

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On Jun 8, 2018, at 4:55 PM, Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov> wrote:

Is now OK? Copying Kelsi who might have some press questions for you as well at some point Ex. 6

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**From:** Devin Mogler, Green Plains Inc. [mailto:Devin.Mogler@gpreinc.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, June 8, 2018 4:54 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Potential meeting

Tate – I hope all is well! I'm no longer in the Senate and have been with Green Plains since January.

My CEO called me earlier to let me know about next week, and I've been working with Leighton to get everything lined up on our end. I understand she's been in contact with you, but do you have time for a very quick call this afternoon?

I'm Ex. 6 Thanks!

Devin Mogler | VP Government Affairs  
Mobile Ex. 6  
Email: Devin.Mogler@gpreinc.com



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**From:** Todd Becker, Green Plains Inc.  
**Sent:** Friday, June 8, 2018 3:16 PM  
**To:** Devin Mogler, Green Plains Inc. <[Devin.Mogler@gpreinc.com](mailto:Devin.Mogler@gpreinc.com)>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Potential meeting

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Bennett, Tate" <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)>  
**Date:** June 8, 2018 at 11:10:27 AM CDT  
**To:** "Todd.Becker@gpreinc.com" <[Todd.Becker@gpreinc.com](mailto:Todd.Becker@gpreinc.com)>  
**Subject:** Potential meeting

Hey Todd-

Do you mind giving me a call regarding a potential visit?

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**From:** Cindy Smith [csmith@gowanco.com]  
**Sent:** 6/5/2018 5:22:07 PM  
**To:** Ford, Hayley [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=4748a9029cf74453a20ee8ac9527830c-Ford, Hayle]; Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]  
**CC:** Gordon, Stephen [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=7c8fb4d82bff4eec98f5c5d00a47f554-Gordon, Ste]  
**Subject:** RE: Gowan Group of Companies

Hi Hayley – we have another trip to DC planned for our CEO the week of August 13<sup>th</sup>. I know that you can't schedule Administrator Pruitt too far in advance but checking to see if you know at all whether it's even a possibility –thanks  
Cindy

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**From:** Ford, Hayley <ford.hayley@epa.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 03, 2018 6:17 AM  
**To:** Cindy Smith <csmith@gowanco.com>; Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Gordon, Stephen <gordon.stephen@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Gowan Group of Companies

Hi Cindy,

I'm so sorry but this Friday isn't going to work for the Administrator. We apologize. Enjoy your trip to DC and hopefully we can make something work when we're out that way!

***Hayley Ford***

Deputy White House Liaison and Personal Aide to the Administrator  
Environmental Protection Agency

[ford.hayley@epa.gov](mailto:ford.hayley@epa.gov)

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**From:** Cindy Smith [<mailto:csmith@gowanco.com>]  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 1, 2018 1:52 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Ford, Hayley <[ford.hayley@epa.gov](mailto:ford.hayley@epa.gov)>; Gordon, Stephen <[gordon.stephen@epa.gov](mailto:gordon.stephen@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Gowan Group of Companies

I am just checking on this one – since it is this coming Friday –I am guessing the answer is no –but before we make other plans just wanted to check –thanks. Cindy

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**From:** Cindy Smith  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 06, 2018 1:22 PM  
**To:** 'Bennett, Tate' <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Ford, Hayley <[ford.hayley@epa.gov](mailto:ford.hayley@epa.gov)>; Gordon, Stephen <[gordon.stephen@epa.gov](mailto:gordon.stephen@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Gowan Group of Companies

I am really sorry to be sending you all emails but I just received another date our CEO, Juli Jessen will be in DC – Friday April 6<sup>th</sup>. I know you can't confirm a meeting that far out but if you know already he won't be in town that day, please

just let us know –otherwise we will wait til we get closer to that date to see if there are any windows of opportunity that day. Thanks Cindy

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**From:** Bennett, Tate [<mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 02, 2018 9:48 AM  
**To:** Cindy Smith <[csmith@gowanco.com](mailto:csmith@gowanco.com)>  
**Cc:** Ford, Hayley <[ford.hayley@epa.gov](mailto:ford.hayley@epa.gov)>; Gordon, Stephen <[gordon.stephen@epa.gov](mailto:gordon.stephen@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Gowan Group of Companies

Hi Cindy- Unfortunately the Admin will be unable to meet that day. Keep us posted on your next trip to DC and we will let you know when we plan to be in AZ next.

On Feb 21, 2018, at 5:15 AM, Cindy Smith <[csmith@gowanco.com](mailto:csmith@gowanco.com)> wrote:

Hayley –I met with my CEO today. She will be in DC on Monday, March 19<sup>th</sup>. Would it be possible to arrange a meeting that day? I know this far in advance you can't commit to a specific time but please let us know if the Administrator will at least be potentially available that day and she will confirm her travel. Thanks Cindy

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**From:** Ford, Hayley [<mailto:ford.hayley@epa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 15, 2018 2:39 PM  
**To:** Cindy Smith <[csmith@gowanco.com](mailto:csmith@gowanco.com)>  
**Cc:** Beck, Nancy <[Beck.Nancy@epa.gov](mailto:Beck.Nancy@epa.gov)>; Gordon, Stephen <[gordon.stephen@epa.gov](mailto:gordon.stephen@epa.gov)>; Bennett, Tate <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Gowan Group of Companies

Hi Cindy,

Thank you for being patient with us on this! As Tate mentioned, the Administrator's schedule changes so frequently, so we would hate for your CEO to schedule a trip to DC and then us have to cancel last minute. Let's do this – if your CEO happens to have already scheduled trips to DC coming up, please let us know those dates or when you schedule those and we could put a hold on the calendar for then and as it gets closer, try to finalize. At the same time, we may have some upcoming trips out West and it may make more sense for you to meet us close to Yuma instead. Tate and I will be in touch as those trips progress.

Thank you and we hope to make it work!

***Hayley Ford***

Deputy White House Liaison and Personal Aide to the Administrator  
Environmental Protection Agency  
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**From:** Bennett, Tate  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 31, 2018 9:11 AM  
**To:** [csmith@gowanco.com](mailto:csmith@gowanco.com)  
**Cc:** Beck, Nancy <[Beck.Nancy@epa.gov](mailto:Beck.Nancy@epa.gov)>; Gordon, Stephen <[gordon.stephen@epa.gov](mailto:gordon.stephen@epa.gov)>; Ford, Hayley <[ford.hayley@epa.gov](mailto:ford.hayley@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Gowan Group of Companies

We typically don't advise to plan around his constantly changing schedule! We will circle back.

On Jan 31, 2018, at 9:00 AM, Cindy Smith <[csmith@gowanco.com](mailto:csmith@gowanco.com)> wrote:

Good morning Tate –I talked with our CEO, Juli Jessen – she could be in DC March 19<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup> if either of those days have any openings for Administrator Pruitt. If those dates don't work – we would make every effort to come when he has availability so please let us know if there are dates you have in mind that might work. Thanks very much. Cindy

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**From:** Bennett, Tate [<mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>]

**Sent:** Monday, January 29, 2018 12:43 PM

**To:** Cindy Smith <[csmith@gowanco.com](mailto:csmith@gowanco.com)>

**Cc:** Beck, Nancy <[Beck.Nancy@epa.gov](mailto:Beck.Nancy@epa.gov)>; Gordon, Stephen <[gordon.stephen@epa.gov](mailto:gordon.stephen@epa.gov)>;

Ford, Hayley <[ford.hayley@epa.gov](mailto:ford.hayley@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: Gowan Group of Companies

Hi Nancy! Haven't forgotten you. Unfortunately, he likely will not make it to Yuma before March, but let us know if your CEO happens to be in the D.C. area soon. Also, can you please fill out this external meeting request form in case he does make it out that direction later this year? Thank you!

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**From:** Cindy Smith [<mailto:csmith@gowanco.com>]

**Sent:** Thursday, January 25, 2018 10:22 PM

**To:** Bennett, Tate <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)>

**Cc:** Beck, Nancy <[Beck.Nancy@epa.gov](mailto:Beck.Nancy@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** Gowan Group of Companies

Hi Tate – I was in a meeting with you and Nancy several months ago on some specific issues related to pesticides and EPA decisions. I have also heard that Administrator Pruitt might be interested in talking directly with CEOs of companies about how EPA actions and policies directly impact our business. Gowan is unique as I believe we may be the only remaining 100% family owned basic registrant of pesticides in the U.S. Our headquarters is in Yuma, Arizona. Our company was started by Jon Jessen about 55 years ago. Today Jon remains active as the Chairman of the Board and his daughter Juli is our CEO. We have businesses that provide crop protection inputs (conventional and organic), seed (primarily vegetables), a pesticide manufacturing facility (in Yuma) and retail operations (Yuma, Imperial Valley and Salinas) with certified pest control advisors that walk fields and make recommendations for growers. A trip to Yuma would allow the Administrator to see our operations and talk with our CEO but also because this happens to be one of the most active seasons in ag production in Yuma so he could also see those operations. A large percentage of winter vegetables (lettuce, broccoli, cauliflower, etc.) are grown in Yuma. So if you are eating a salad this time of year –the lettuce was very likely grown in Yuma. We would greatly welcome the opportunity for the Administrator to visit Yuma to see agricultural production and to talk with our CEO and other family members directly involved in our businesses. I know Administrator Pruitt is very busy and I am sure he gets lots of requests to visit locations –but if he can work this in to any of his travel plans, we would be honored to showcase our community, the agriculture and our business so he can get some first-hand knowledge of how EPA actions impact a family owned business and a community in rural America. The winter vegetable production will start winding down in March so there is a window of opportunity if it works with his schedule to come to Yuma sometime in the next 6-8 weeks. If that doesn't work we would be happy to come to his office with our CEO and talk with him as well. We really appreciate the consideration

for our request and please let me know if you would like any additional information. Thanks Cindy

Cindy Smith  
Agricultural Relations Director  
Gowan

Message

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**From:** Devin Mogler, Green Plains Inc. [Devin.Mogler@gpreinc.com]  
**Sent:** 6/12/2018 2:49:36 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, E]  
**Subject:** Proposed Itinerary - Green Plains Omaha, NE  
**Attachments:** ATT00001.txt

Tate,

Thanks for the call!

Here's what I was thinking for a proposed itinerary:

1:00 - 1:05 PM CDT – EPA Personnel arrive at Green Plains Inc. Omaha – Introductions  
1:05 – 1:45 PM CDT – Overview of company, presentation on industry and topics pertinent to EPA, roundtable conversation (Board room w/ Sr. Leadership)  
1:45 – 2:00 PM CDT – Comments from Administrator, discussion of policy issues, short Q&A (trade floor with all Corporate employees)  
2:00 PM EDT – EPA Personnel depart

Will get you the list of names/titles for the round table directly.

Thanks again!

Devin Mogler | VP Government Affairs  
Mobile: Ex. 6  
Email: [Devin.Mogler@gpreinc.com](mailto:Devin.Mogler@gpreinc.com)



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**From:** Devin Mogler, Green Plains Inc. [Devin.Mogler@gpreinc.com]  
**Sent:** 6/8/2018 8:57:24 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, E]  
**Subject:** RE: Potential meeting

Will call you in a minute – thanks for the quick turnaround!

Devin

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**From:** Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Friday, June 8, 2018 4:55 PM  
**To:** Devin Mogler, Green Plains Inc. <Devin.Mogler@gpreinc.com>  
**Subject:** RE: Potential meeting

Is now OK? Copying Kelsi who might have some press questions for you as well at some point. **Ex. 6**

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**From:** Devin Mogler, Green Plains Inc. [mailto:Devin.Mogler@gpreinc.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, June 8, 2018 4:54 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Potential meeting

Tate – I hope all is well! I'm no longer in the Senate and have been with Green Plains since January.

My CEO called me earlier to let me know about next week, and I've been working with Leighton to get everything lined up on our end. I understand she's been in contact with you, but do you have time for a very quick call this afternoon?

I'm **Ex. 6** Thanks!

Devin Mogler | VP Government Affairs  
Mobile: **Ex. 6**  
Email: [Devin.Mogler@gpreinc.com](mailto:Devin.Mogler@gpreinc.com)

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**From:** Todd Becker, Green Plains Inc.  
**Sent:** Friday, June 8, 2018 3:16 PM  
**To:** Devin Mogler, Green Plains Inc. <Devin.Mogler@gpreinc.com>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Potential meeting

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Bennett, Tate" <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>  
**Date:** June 8, 2018 at 11:10:27 AM CDT  
**To:** "Todd.Becker@gpreinc.com" <Todd.Becker@gpreinc.com>  
**Subject:** Potential meeting

Hey Todd-

Do you mind giving me a call regarding a potential visit?

**Ex. 6**

Elizabeth Tate Bennett  
Associate Administrator for Public Engagement & Environmental Education  
Office of the Administrator  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
(202) 564-1460  
[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)

Message

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**From:** Leighton Eusebio, Green Plains Inc. [Leighton.Eusebio@gpreinc.com]  
**Sent:** 6/11/2018 2:37:52 PM  
**To:** Kundinger, Kelly [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=e3c9a5d16e2244079e222f342bf9992f-Kundinger,]  
**CC:** Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, E]  
**Subject:** Re: Green Plains Visit

Hi Kelly,

1:00 is perfect! I will meet you at the entrance and take you and your team wherever you need.

Tate, what time will the Administrator be joining us?

Thanks,

Leighton Eusebio | Public Relations Manager  
phone: [Ex. 6] | email: [Leighton.Eusebio@gpreinc.com](mailto:Leighton.Eusebio@gpreinc.com)

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**From:** "Kundinger, Kelly" <kundinger.kelly@epa.gov>  
**Date:** Monday, June 11, 2018 at 9:33 AM  
**To:** "Leighton Eusebio, Green Plains Inc." <Leighton.Eusebio@gpreinc.com>  
**Cc:** "Bennett, Tate" <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Green Plains Visit

Hi Leighton -

Yes, I will need to arrange a walk-through with you on Thursday. Our security detail will be joining me as well.

Are you available to meet at 1:00pm?

Thanks,

Kelly

On Jun 11, 2018, at 9:25 AM, Leighton Eusebio, Green Plains Inc. <[Leighton.Eusebio@gpreinc.com](mailto:Leighton.Eusebio@gpreinc.com)> wrote:



Hi Tate,

I want to confirm that we're all set to have Administrator Pruitt to meet at our headquarters in Omaha.

**Directions:**

Eppley Airfield  
4501 Abbott Drive  
Omaha, NE 68110 to

Green Plains Inc.  
1811 Aksarben Drive  
Omaha, NE 68106

Here's an updated link with directions from the airport: <https://goo.gl/maps/HzLcFbrH7Zn>

We're about 14 miles from the airport so it will take about 20 minutes door to door.

The same people will be in attendance – will your security team still need to come by Wednesday?

Thank you!

Leighton Eusebio | Public Relations Manager  
phone: **Ex. 6** | email: [Leighton.Eusebio@gpreinc.com](mailto:Leighton.Eusebio@gpreinc.com)

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**From:** "Bennett, Tate" <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)>  
**Date:** Friday, June 8, 2018 at 3:03 PM  
**To:** "Leighton Eusebio, Green Plains Inc." <[Leighton.Eusebio@gpreinc.com](mailto:Leighton.Eusebio@gpreinc.com)>  
**Cc:** "Kundinger, Kelly" <[kundinger.kelly@epa.gov](mailto:kundinger.kelly@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Green Plains Visit

Thank you for this information, Leighton!

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**From:** Leighton Eusebio, Green Plains Inc. [<mailto:Leighton.Eusebio@gpreinc.com>]  
**Sent:** Friday, June 8, 2018 3:26 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Kundinger, Kelly <[kundinger.kelly@epa.gov](mailto:kundinger.kelly@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Green Plains Visit

Hi Tate,

Below you will find our attendee list, directions and what to expect during Administrator Pruitt's visit to Green Plains Shenandoah on Thursday, June 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Green Plains Attendees:**

Todd Becker – President and CEO

Jeff Briggs – Chief Operating Officer and President, Green Plains Ethanol

Michelle Mapes – Chief Legal and Administration Officer

Devin Mogler – Vice President, Government Affairs

Leighton Eusebio – Public Relations Manager

\*If there are any amendments to this list, I will let you know.

**Directions:**

Eppley Airfield

4501 Abbott Drive

Omaha, NE 68110 to

Green Plains Shenandoah

4124 Airport Road

Shenandoah, IA 68110

Here is a link to Google Maps: <https://goo.gl/maps/Bd3hu4Z82162>. The plant is about 66.5 miles away from the airport and it takes about an hour and fifteen minutes to get door to door.

**What to expect:**

During your visit, we welcome the opportunity for a roundtable discussion and a tour of the plant. For the tour, please note that everyone must wear closed-toe shoes and long pants. Green Plains will provide hard hats and safety glasses.

For security purposes everyone must check in upon arrival. To expedite this process, could you provide a list with the names of EPA attendees? Also, do you know what time your security team will be checking the facility Wednesday? I will arrange my schedule to meet them there.

Later this week, I will follow up with supplemental information about Green Plains and our Shenandoah plant. If there is any further information that you need, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Regards,

Leighton Eusebio, J. Public Relations Manager

phone: Ex. 6 email: [Leighton.Eusebio@gpreinc.com](mailto:Leighton.Eusebio@gpreinc.com)

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**From:** "Bennett, Tate" <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)>  
**Date:** Friday, June 8, 2018 at 12:04 PM  
**To:** "Leighton Eusebio, Green Plains Inc." <[Leighton.Eusebio@gpreinc.com](mailto:Leighton.Eusebio@gpreinc.com)>  
**Cc:** "Kundinger, Kelly" <[kundinger.kelly@epa.gov](mailto:kundinger.kelly@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Green Plains Visit

Thank you! Copying Kelly and I will call you shortly.

On Jun 8, 2018, at 12:43 PM, Leighton Eusebio, Green Plains Inc.  
<[Leighton.Eusebio@gpreinc.com](mailto:Leighton.Eusebio@gpreinc.com)> wrote:

Good Morning Tate,

Todd Becker just forwarded me your note regarding Administrator Pruitt's visit to Green Plains ethanol facility in Shenandoah, Iowa next Thursday, June 14th. Please let me know what further information you need from me to get this organized.

If it is easier to discuss on the phone, please feel free to call me at Ex. 6

Regards,

Leighton Eusebio | Public Relations Manager  
phone: Ex. 6 | email: [Leighton.Eusebio@gpreinc.com](mailto:Leighton.Eusebio@gpreinc.com)

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**To:** Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, E]  
**Subject:** RE: Potential meeting  
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I'm [Ex. 6] Thanks!

Devin Mogler | VP Government Affairs

Mobile: [Ex. 6]

Email: [Devin.Mogler@gpreinc.com](mailto:Devin.Mogler@gpreinc.com)

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**Sent:** Friday, June 8, 2018 3:16 PM  
**To:** Devin Mogler, Green Plains Inc. <[Devin.Mogler@gpreinc.com](mailto:Devin.Mogler@gpreinc.com)>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Potential meeting

Begin forwarded message:

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**Date:** June 8, 2018 at 11:10:27 AM CDT  
**To:** "Todd.Becker@gpreinc.com" <[Todd.Becker@gpreinc.com](mailto:Todd.Becker@gpreinc.com)>  
**Subject:** Potential meeting

Hey Todd-

Do you mind giving me a call regarding a potential visit?

[Ex. 6]

Elizabeth Tate Bennett  
Associate Administrator for Public Engagement & Environmental Education  
Office of the Administrator  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
(202) 564-1460  
[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)

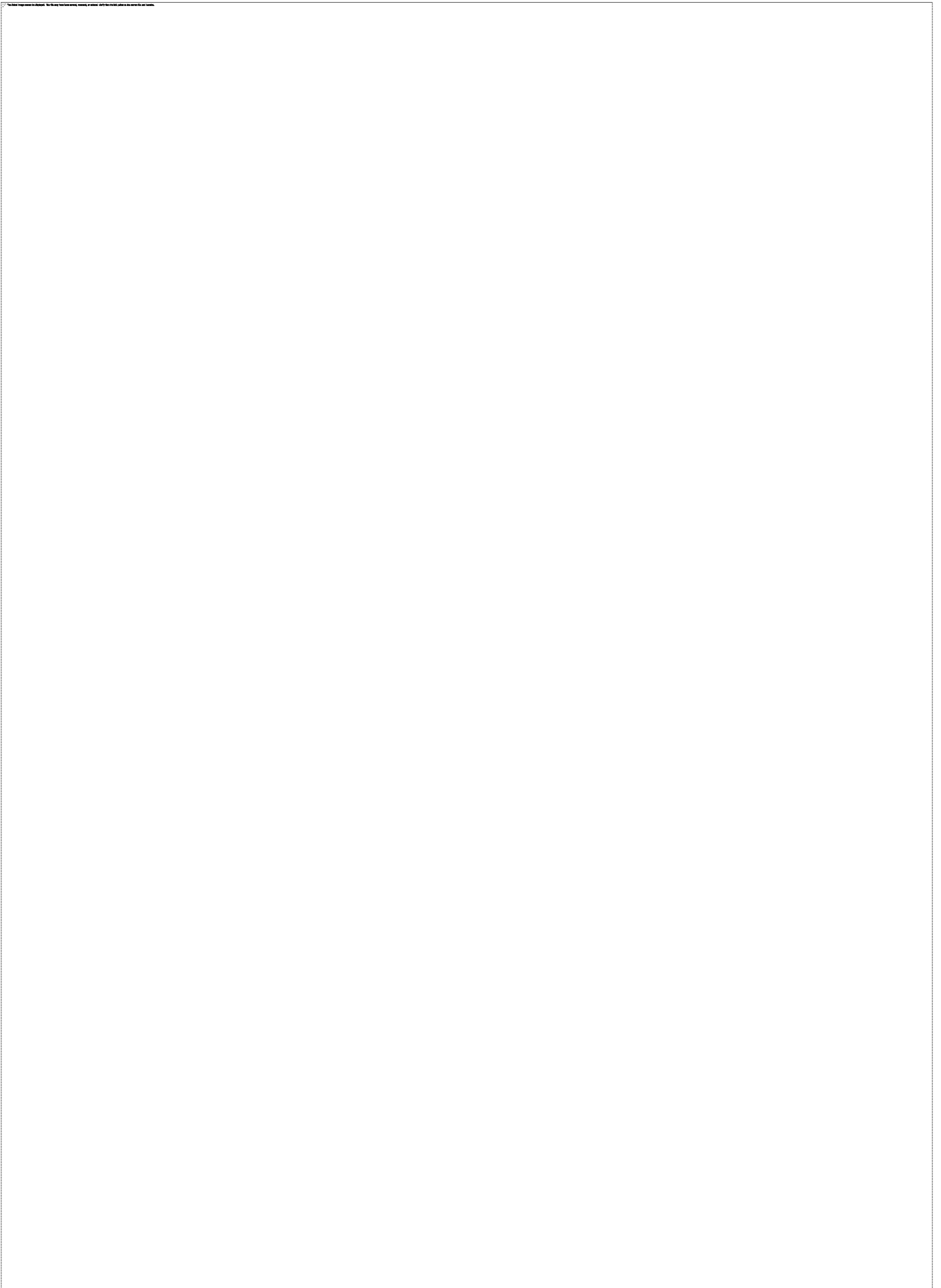
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**From:** JoAnn Pawela [JoAnn@goeasassociates.com]  
**Sent:** 6/6/2018 1:11:41 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, E]  
**Subject:** NERO Annual Awards Dinner - RSVP Requested  
**Attachments:** ATT00001.txt

***Friendly Reminder.*** RSVP deadline is Noon on Friday, June 8. As this is a seated event, your RSVP is needed to ensure your reserved seat and meal. **We will confirm receipt of your RSVP by return email.**

*This invitation is not transferable. Please do not forward.*



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**From:** Tasha Duncan [Tasha.Duncan@okfb.org]  
**Sent:** 4/12/2018 6:47:44 PM  
**To:** Tasha Duncan [Tasha.Duncan@okfb.org]  
**Subject:** Oklahoma Farm Bureau Staff Contact Info for 2018 DC Trip

**Importance:** High

Good afternoon,

Here is a list of Oklahoma Farm Bureau staff contacts, in case anyone needs to get ahold of us while we are physically in DC next week:

- Tasha Duncan – Ex. 6
- Zac Swartz – Ex. 6
- Marla Peek – Ex. 6
- Ron Justice – Ex. 6
- Justin Whitmore – Ex. 6
- Thad Doye – Ex. 6

We all text; and I will be checking my email as often as possible; however, all these mobile numbers are probably more reliable if you need to get ahold of someone quickly! Just make sure you tell us who you are, since we probably don't have your number saved! If you have any questions or if I can be of any further assistance, please let me know!

Thank you,

**Tasha Duncan**  
Public Policy Coordinator  
[tasha.duncan@okfb.com](mailto:tasha.duncan@okfb.com)



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**From:** Tyler White [twhite@kentuckycoal.com]  
**Sent:** 5/25/2018 2:36:38 PM  
**To:** KCA Membership [kcamembership@kentuckycoal.com]  
**CC:** Andi Johnson [ajohnson@commercelexington.com]  
**Subject:** FW: Commerce Lexington Washington, DC Fly-In | Registration Form  
**Attachments:** WashFly-InRegForm2018.pdf

**Importance:** High

All,

Friends of Coal are one of the sponsors of this Fly-In. It is a great opportunity to meet and hear from our delegation. I would encourage anyone interested in attending to sign-up and to also let me know as I will be setting up some individual meetings on the Hill as well. The registration form is attached and you can send it to Andi Johnson with Commerce Lexington who is copied to this email.

Thank you and Happy Memorial Day.

Tyler

***Tyler White***  
*Kentucky Coal Association- President*  
*880 Corporate Drive, Suite 101*  
*Lexington, KY 40503*  
**[twhite@kentuckycoal.com](mailto:twhite@kentuckycoal.com)**

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**From:** Andi Johnson [mailto:ajohnson@commercelexington.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, May 25, 2018 10:30 AM  
**To:** Tyler White  
**Cc:** Lynda Bebrowsky  
**Subject:** Commerce Lexington Washington, DC Fly-In | Registration Form  
**Importance:** High

Tyler,

Commerce Lexington Inc. will be hosting its annual Bluegrass Region Washington, D.C. Fly-In on July 11-12, 2018. Attached is the registration form with more details. Please feel free to share this with any of your members who may have an interest in joining us for the visit.

If you think some of your members are interested and would like to be part of the group flight block, please let us know as soon as possible.

The delegation will include 50+ regional business and community leaders. The agenda will include meetings with all Kentucky Congressional members, opportunities for interaction with Congressional staff and briefings from issue experts, agency or administration officials. We will be providing updates on the agenda soon. We will also be hosting the Kentuckians in Washington reception on Wed, July 11 from 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm. The likely location will be the Library of Congress Madison Building atrium to the left of the main lobby.



Let me know if you need more information.

Andi

Andi Johnson

Chief Policy Officer & Director of Regional Engagement

Commerce Lexington, Inc.

Office: **Ex. 6**

Mobile: **Ex. 6**

Email: [ajohnson@commercelexington.com](mailto:ajohnson@commercelexington.com)



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Name you wish to go by: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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Office Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**EMERGENCY CONTACT:** Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Needs: \_\_\_\_\_ **DELTA SKYMILES#(if applicable)** \_\_\_\_\_

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Roommate name (if double): \_\_\_\_\_

**AIR: Wednesday, July 11:** Depart Blue Grass Airport on DL #5958 at 6:15 a.m. arriving at Reagan International at 7:39 a.m.

**Thursday, July 12:** Depart Reagan International on DL #5887 at 8:15 p.m. arriving Blue Grass Airport at 9:55 p.m. Times are subject to change.

**HOTEL:** Accommodations at the The Hay-Adams, 800 16th St NW, Washington, DC 20006, (202) 638-6600.

### ADDITIONAL NIGHTS

To make plans for additional nights, contact Lynda Bebrowsky at 859-226-1611 or email [lbebrowsky@commercelexington.com](mailto:lbebrowsky@commercelexington.com).

Please note that this would be a "NO AIR" package. If traveling on dates other than July 11-12, you must make your own air arrangements.

### PAYMENT

Any changes made to airline packages after ticketing will be subject to applicable fees and restrictions of Delta Airline Group Travel.

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Message

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**From:** Kathy Bergren [Bergren@ncga.com]  
**Sent:** 8/7/2018 2:16:37 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, E]  
**Subject:** !RE: Dicamba

Hi, Tate. I'm sure he loved his first horse show!

Colleen Willard is willard@ncga.com

Or Ex. 6

-----Original Message-----

From: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>  
Sent: Tuesday, August 7, 2018 10:10 AM  
To: Kathy Bergren <Bergren@ncga.com>  
Subject: RE: Dicamba

Hi there, Kathy-

Hope you guys are well and that this month is a bit more quiet. We took Johnny Roman to his first horse show last weekend. Too fun.

I just wanted to circle back here. Do you by chance have Colleen's email? She reached out, but unfortunately I never had a chance to connect with her. Apologies for any inconvenience.

Talk soon and thank you!

Tate

-----Original Message-----

From: Kathy Bergren [mailto:Bergren@ncga.com]  
Sent: Thursday, July 19, 2018 10:05 AM  
To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>  
Subject: Re: Dicamba

Hi, Tate. I asked Colleen to reach out, so hopefully that works. And, FYI, was asked to join some of our states at EPA later this morning. They had scheduled a meeting with Bill Wehrum on RVP and asked me to join them.

Sent from my iPhone

> On Jul 18, 2018, at 7:19 PM, Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov> wrote:

>

> That would be great. Ex. 6 is my cell. Just whenever you have time.

>

>> On Jul 18, 2018, at 7:11 PM, Kathy Bergren <Bergren@ncga.com> wrote:

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>> Sure -- but would it be OK if I included Colleen Willard from our staff as well? She handles all of our crop protection issues.

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>> Kathy

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>> -----Original Message-----

>> From: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>  
>> Sent: Wednesday, July 18, 2018 6:33 PM  
>> To: Kathy Bergren <Bergren@ncga.com>  
>> Subject: Dicamba

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>> Hi there! Do you have time for a quick shout on this topic once your

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**From:** Leah Pilconis [pilconisl@agc.org]  
**Sent:** 4/9/2018 7:53:16 PM  
**To:** Jackson, Ryan [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=38bc8e18791a47d88a279db2fec8bd60-Jackson, Ry]  
**CC:** Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]  
**Subject:** RE: AGC of America  
**Attachments:** 04092018 AGC Support for Wheeler Nom to EPA FINAL .pdf

Ryan -

Please see attached.

Warm regards,

Leah

Leah F. Pilconis  
Senior Environmental Counsel  
AGC of America  
Direct: Ex. 6 | pilconisl@agc.org

April 9, 2018

The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
U.S. Senate Majority Leader  
317 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Chuck Schumer  
U.S. Senate Minority Leader  
322 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

**RE: AGC Support for Mr. Wheeler's Nomination to the Environmental Protection Agency**

Dear Majority Leader McConnell and Minority Leader Schumer:

The Associated General Contractors of America (AGC) strongly supports the nomination of Mr. Andrew Wheeler deputy administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). AGC is a national construction trade association representing more than 26,000 construction firms with chapters and members in every state, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. AGC chapters and members understand the importance of protecting our environment while advancing economic development.

Mr. Wheeler is an experienced and well-qualified leader on environmental and construction matters, having served in both Congress and the Executive Branch on such issues. During his tenure as a congressional aide, Mr. Wheeler served as majority staff director, minority staff director, and chief counsel at the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works. In addition, he worked at EPA's Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics during the George H. W. Bush and Bill Clinton administrations.

Over his professional career, Mr. Wheeler has demonstrated that he possesses the leadership and collaborative qualities needed to be a successful leader within the EPA. He recognizes that by working together, the regulated community and the agency can achieve results in further advancing and balancing environmental stewardship with economic development.

AGC looks forward to working with Mr. Wheeler on the important issue of environmental stewardship in the construction industry and continuing our positive working relationship with the EPA. As such, we urge the Senate to quickly confirm his nomination.

Sincerely,



Stephen E. Sandherr  
Chief Executive Officer  
Associated General Contractors of America

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**From:** Reed, H J [H.J.Reed@p66.com]  
**Sent:** 4/2/2018 8:04:31 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, E]  
**Subject:** Automatic reply: ICYMI: EPA Administrator Pruitt: GHG Emissions Standards for Cars and Light Trucks Should Be Revised

**Automated Response**

I am at the Capitol most of this week. I will try to respond to your email as schedules permit.

You may also contact Susan Swyden (Susan.Swyden@p66.com) or at Ex. 6

Thank you  
H.J.

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**From:** Sandy Bourne [sbourne@georgeallen.com]  
**Sent:** 4/2/2018 8:04:07 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, E]  
**Subject:** Please Update Your Records Re: ICYMI: EPA Administrator Pruitt: GHG Emissions Standards for Cars and Light Trucks Should Be Revised

Thank you for your email. As of March 30, 2018 I am no longer with George Allen Strategies or the Office of George Allen. If you require further assistance, please contact Kaitlin Murphy at KMurphy (at) GeorgeAllen (dot) com or **Ex. 6**

Thanks,

Sandy

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**From:** Cindy Smith [csmith@gowanco.com]  
**Sent:** 4/3/2018 2:28:22 PM  
**To:** Ford, Hayley [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=4748a9029cf74453a20ee8ac9527830c-Ford, Hayle]  
**CC:** Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]; Gordon, Stephen [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=7c8fb4d82bff4eec98f5c5d00a47f554-Gordon, Ste]  
**Subject:** Re: Gowan Group of Companies

Thanks

On Apr 3, 2018, at 6:17 AM, Ford, Hayley <[ford.hayley@epa.gov](mailto:ford.hayley@epa.gov)> wrote:

Hi Cindy,

I'm so sorry but this Friday isn't going to work for the Administrator. We apologize. Enjoy your trip to DC and hopefully we can make something work when we're out that way!

***Hayley Ford***

Deputy White House Liaison and Personal Aide to the Administrator  
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**From:** Cindy Smith [<mailto:csmith@gowanco.com>]  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 1, 2018 1:52 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Ford, Hayley <[ford.hayley@epa.gov](mailto:ford.hayley@epa.gov)>; Gordon, Stephen <[gordon.stephen@epa.gov](mailto:gordon.stephen@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Gowan Group of Companies

I am just checking on this one – since it is this coming Friday –I am guessing the answer is no –but before we make other plans just wanted to check –thanks. Cindy

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**From:** Cindy Smith  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 06, 2018 1:22 PM  
**To:** 'Bennett, Tate' <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Ford, Hayley <[ford.hayley@epa.gov](mailto:ford.hayley@epa.gov)>; Gordon, Stephen <[gordon.stephen@epa.gov](mailto:gordon.stephen@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Gowan Group of Companies

I am really sorry to be sending you all emails but I just received another date our CEO, Juli Jessen will be in DC – Friday April 6<sup>th</sup>. I know you can't confirm a meeting that far out but if you know already he won't be in town that day, please just let us know –otherwise we will wait til we get closer to that date to see if there are any windows of opportunity that day. Thanks Cindy

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**From:** Bennett, Tate [<mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 02, 2018 9:48 AM  
**To:** Cindy Smith <[csmith@gowanco.com](mailto:csmith@gowanco.com)>

**Cc:** Ford, Hayley <[ford.hayley@epa.gov](mailto:ford.hayley@epa.gov)>; Gordon, Stephen <[gordon.stephen@epa.gov](mailto:gordon.stephen@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** Re: Gowan Group of Companies

Hi Cindy- Unfortunately the Admin will be unable to meet that day. Keep us posted on your next trip to DC and we will let you know when we plan to be in AZ next.

On Feb 21, 2018, at 5:15 AM, Cindy Smith <[csmith@gowanco.com](mailto:csmith@gowanco.com)> wrote:

Hayley –I met with my CEO today. She will be in DC on Monday, March 19<sup>th</sup>. Would it be possible to arrange a meeting that day? I know this far in advance you can't commit to a specific time but please let us know if the Administrator will at least be potentially available that day and she will confirm her travel. Thanks Cindy

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**From:** Ford, Hayley [<mailto:ford.hayley@epa.gov>]

**Sent:** Thursday, February 15, 2018 2:39 PM

**To:** Cindy Smith <[csmith@gowanco.com](mailto:csmith@gowanco.com)>

**Cc:** Beck, Nancy <[Beck.Nancy@epa.gov](mailto:Beck.Nancy@epa.gov)>; Gordon, Stephen <[gordon.stephen@epa.gov](mailto:gordon.stephen@epa.gov)>; Bennett, Tate <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: Gowan Group of Companies

Hi Cindy,

Thank you for being patient with us on this! As Tate mentioned, the Administrator's schedule changes so frequently, so we would hate for your CEO to schedule a trip to DC and then us have to cancel last minute. Let's do this – if your CEO happens to have already scheduled trips to DC coming up, please let us know those dates or when you schedule those and we could put a hold on the calendar for then and as it gets closer, try to finalize. At the same time, we may have some upcoming trips out West and it may make more sense for you to meet us close to Yuma instead. Tate and I will be in touch as those trips progress.

Thank you and we hope to make it work!

***Hayley Ford***

Deputy White House Liaison and Personal Aide to the Administrator  
Environmental Protection Agency

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**From:** Bennett, Tate

**Sent:** Wednesday, January 31, 2018 9:11 AM

**To:** [csmith@gowanco.com](mailto:csmith@gowanco.com)

**Cc:** Beck, Nancy <[Beck.Nancy@epa.gov](mailto:Beck.Nancy@epa.gov)>; Gordon, Stephen <[gordon.stephen@epa.gov](mailto:gordon.stephen@epa.gov)>; Ford, Hayley <[ford.hayley@epa.gov](mailto:ford.hayley@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** Re: Gowan Group of Companies

We typically don't advise to plan around his constantly changing schedule! We will circle back.

On Jan 31, 2018, at 9:00 AM, Cindy Smith <[csmith@gowanco.com](mailto:csmith@gowanco.com)> wrote:

Good morning Tate –I talked with our CEO, Juli Jessen – she could be in DC March 19<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup> if either of those days have any openings for Administrator Pruitt. If those dates don't work – we would make every effort to come when he has availability so please let us know if there are dates you have in mind that might work. Thanks very much. Cindy

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**From:** Bennett, Tate [<mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>]

**Sent:** Monday, January 29, 2018 12:43 PM

**To:** Cindy Smith <[csmith@gowanco.com](mailto:csmith@gowanco.com)>

**Cc:** Beck, Nancy <[Beck.Nancy@epa.gov](mailto:Beck.Nancy@epa.gov)>; Gordon, Stephen <[gordon.stephen@epa.gov](mailto:gordon.stephen@epa.gov)>; Ford, Hayley <[ford.hayley@epa.gov](mailto:ford.hayley@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: Gowan Group of Companies

Hi Nancy! Haven't forgotten you. Unfortunately, he likely will not make it to Yuma before March, but let us know if your CEO happens to be in the D.C. area soon. Also, can you please fill out this external meeting request form in case he does make it out that direction later this year? Thank you!

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**From:** Cindy Smith [<mailto:csmith@gowanco.com>]

**Sent:** Thursday, January 25, 2018 10:22 PM

**To:** Bennett, Tate <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)>

**Cc:** Beck, Nancy <[Beck.Nancy@epa.gov](mailto:Beck.Nancy@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** Gowan Group of Companies

Hi Tate – I was in a meeting with you and Nancy several months ago on some specific issues related to pesticides and EPA decisions. I have also heard that Administrator Pruitt might be interested in talking directly with CEOs of companies about how EPA actions and policies directly impact our business. Gowan is unique as I believe we may be the only remaining 100% family owned basic registrant of pesticides in the U.S. Our headquarters is in Yuma, Arizona. Our company was started by Jon Jessen about 55 years ago. Today Jon remains active as the Chairman of the Board and his daughter Juli is our CEO. We have businesses that provide crop protection inputs (conventional and organic), seed (primarily vegetables), a pesticide manufacturing facility (in Yuma) and retail operations (Yuma, Imperial Valley and Salinas) with certified pest control advisors that walk fields and make recommendations for growers. A trip to Yuma would allow the Administrator to see our operations and talk with our CEO but also because this happens to be one of the most active seasons in ag production in Yuma so he could also see those operations. A large percentage of winter vegetables (lettuce, broccoli, cauliflower, etc.) are grown in Yuma. So if you are eating a salad this time of year –the lettuce was very likely grown in Yuma. We would greatly welcome the opportunity for the Administrator to visit Yuma to see agricultural production and to talk with our CEO and other family members directly involved in our businesses. I know Administrator Pruitt is very busy and I am sure he gets lots of requests to visit locations –but if he can work this in to any of his travel plans, we would be honored to showcase our community, the agriculture and our business so he can get some first-hand knowledge of how EPA actions impact a family owned business and a community in rural America. The winter vegetable production will

start winding down in March so there is a window of opportunity if it works with his schedule to come to Yuma sometime in the next 6-8 weeks. If that doesn't work we would be happy to come to his office with our CEO and talk with him as well. We really appreciate the consideration for our request and please let me know if you would like any additional information. Thanks Cindy

Cindy Smith  
Agricultural Relations Director  
Gowan

Message

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**From:** Subramanian, Hema [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=65E089600E8B4724A2E85997849BD208-SUBRAMANIAN, HEMA]  
**Sent:** 3/23/2018 9:04:51 PM  
**To:** Ford, Hayley [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=4748a9029cf74453a20ee8ac9527830c-Ford, Hayle]; Tasha Duncan [Tasha.Duncan@okfb.org]  
**CC:** Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]; Gordon, Stephen [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=7c8fb4d82bff4eec98f5c5d00a47f554-Gordon, Ste]  
**Subject:** RE: TIME SENSITIVE: 2018 Oklahoma Farm Bureau Congressional Action Your - 04/17 through 04/20

Hello Tasha,

I'd be happy to set up your meeting here at EPA on April 19<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm. If you could send me your list of requested topics, I'll get started on lining up speakers next week.

Have a great weekend,  
---Hema.

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Hema Subramanian  
Acting Special Assistant for Agriculture Policy  
Office of the Administrator  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Washington, DC  
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**From:** Ford, Hayley  
**Sent:** Friday, March 23, 2018 4:09 PM  
**To:** Tasha Duncan <Tasha.Duncan@okfb.org>  
**Cc:** Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>; Gordon, Stephen <gordon.stephen@epa.gov>; Subramanian, Hema <Subramanian.Hema@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: TIME SENSITIVE: 2018 Oklahoma Farm Bureau Congressional Action Your - 04/17 through 04/20

Hi Tasha,

I've copied here Hema Subramanian, who works with our ag stakeholders. Since the Administrator won't be attending, she will coordinate the meeting and our staff involvement. She will let you know if she can make April 19 at 2:30PM work.

Thanks!

*Hayley Ford*

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**From:** Tasha Duncan [<mailto:Tasha.Duncan@okfb.org>]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 23, 2018 2:20 PM  
**To:** Ford, Hayley <[ford.hayley@epa.gov](mailto:ford.hayley@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Bennett, Tate <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)>; Gordon, Stephen <[gordon.stephen@epa.gov](mailto:gordon.stephen@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: TIME SENSITIVE: 2018 Oklahoma Farm Bureau Congressional Action Your - 04/17 through 04/20  
**Importance:** High

Good afternoon Hayley,

Any word on this scheduling change by chance? 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 19 is definitely our preference... Just wanting to get everything ironed out before this weekend, if possible!

Thank you,

Tasha Duncan | Public Policy Coordinator | [tasha.duncan@okfb.com](mailto:tasha.duncan@okfb.com)



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**From:** Tasha Duncan  
**Sent:** Friday, March 23, 2018 8:56 AM  
**To:** 'Ford, Hayley' <[ford.hayley@epa.gov](mailto:ford.hayley@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Bennett, Tate <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)>; Gordon, Stephen <[gordon.stephen@epa.gov](mailto:gordon.stephen@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: TIME SENSITIVE: 2018 Oklahoma Farm Bureau Congressional Action Your - 04/17 through 04/20  
**Importance:** High

Yes, senior staff will still work just fine for us; sorry to not see Administrator Pruitt though! If it's no skin off your back, 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 19 would in fact work better for us; but I understand, if it needs to remain on Tuesday, April 17... Please let me know, at your earliest convenience!

Thank you,

Tasha Duncan | Public Policy Coordinator | [tasha.duncan@okfb.com](mailto:tasha.duncan@okfb.com)



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**From:** Ford, Hayley <[ford.hayley@epa.gov](mailto:ford.hayley@epa.gov)>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 23, 2018 8:54 AM  
**To:** Tasha Duncan <[Tasha.Duncan@OKFB.org](mailto:Tasha.Duncan@OKFB.org)>  
**Cc:** Bennett, Tate <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)>; Gordon, Stephen <[gordon.stephen@epa.gov](mailto:gordon.stephen@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: TIME SENSITIVE: 2018 Oklahoma Farm Bureau Congressional Action Your - 04/17 through 04/20

Hi Tasha,

I have this down for 2:30PM on April 17. Do you need to change?

Also I wanted to let you know that Administrator Pruitt will now be out of the office April 16-19 on travel. We are still happy to host you at the EPA with senior staff if it works for your schedule!

## *Hayley Ford*

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**From:** Tasha Duncan [<mailto:Tasha.Duncan@okfb.org>]

**Sent:** Friday, March 23, 2018 9:50 AM

**To:** Ford, Hayley <[ford.hayley@epa.gov](mailto:ford.hayley@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** TIME SENSITIVE: 2018 Oklahoma Farm Bureau Congressional Action Your - 04/17 through 04/20

**Importance:** High

Hayley,

I'm not sure why I had this down for Thursday, April 19! Do you have this down for Tuesday, April 17? Please let me know, at your earliest convenience!

Thank you,

Tasha Duncan | Public Policy Coordinator | [tasha.duncan@okfb.com](mailto:tasha.duncan@okfb.com)



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**From:** Tasha Duncan

**Sent:** Tuesday, March 20, 2018 3:19 PM

**To:** 'Ford, Hayley' <[ford.hayley@epa.gov](mailto:ford.hayley@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: 2018 Oklahoma Farm Bureau Congressional Action Your - 04/17 through 04/20

**Importance:** High

Good afternoon Hayley,

I have our briefing at the EPA from Administrator Scott Pruitt scheduled for Thursday, April 19 at 2:30 p.m. I have a running list of names to submit to you for security purposes, and I am more than able to start receiving arrival instructions, etc. from you, at your earliest convenience! I look forward to hearing from you!

- Ron Justice
- Darlene Justice
- Marla Peek
- Zac Swartz
- Bray Haven
- Tasha Duncan
- Dustin Mielke
- Hannah Davis
- Rodd Moesel
- Dona Moesel
- Thad Doye
- Marla Doye

- Alan Jett
- Alyson Jett
- Jimmy Kinder
- Margaret Kinder
- Keith Kisling
- Marlene Kisling
- Jim Meek
- Glenda Meek
- Monte Tucker
- Justin Whitmore
- Ciera Whitmore
- Gary Crawley
- Wilma Crawley
- James Fuser
- Candy Fuser
- John Grundmann
- Janice Grundmann
- Mary Sloan
- Kent Dowell
- Misty Dowell
- Jeni Lou Dowell

I'm about 99% sure some names will be added to this, but these are the folks I have for now!

Thank you,

Tasha Duncan | Public Policy Coordinator | [tasha.duncan@okfb.com](mailto:tasha.duncan@okfb.com)




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**From:** Ford, Hayley <[ford.hayley@epa.gov](mailto:ford.hayley@epa.gov)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 20, 2018 4:02 PM  
**To:** Tasha Duncan <[Tasha.Duncan@OKFB.org](mailto:Tasha.Duncan@OKFB.org)>  
**Subject:** RE: 2018 Oklahoma Farm Bureau Congressional Action Your - 04/17 through 04/20

Should we say 2:30PM for now? Let's touch base as it gets closer and you can provide names of attendees, we'll send arrival instructions, and you can let me know if there are any specific items that the group wants to hear about?

***Hayley Ford***

Deputy White House Liaison and Personal Aide to the Administrator  
 Environmental Protection Agency

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**From:** Tasha Duncan [<mailto:Tasha.Duncan@okfb.org>]  
**Sent:** Friday, February 16, 2018 3:39 PM



To: Ford, Hayley <[ford.hayley@epa.gov](mailto:ford.hayley@epa.gov)>

Subject: RE: 2018 Oklahoma Farm Bureau Congressional Action Your - 04/17 through 04/20

Hayley,

As of right now, we don't have any restrictions on that date; however in order to leave plenty of time flexibility during morning and afternoon/evening hours (also meeting with USDA likely on the same day), I'd probably lean more towards the 2-4:30 p.m. timeframe! What are your thoughts on that?

Thank you,

Tasha Duncan | Public Policy Coordinator | [tasha.duncan@okfb.com](mailto:tasha.duncan@okfb.com)



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From: Ford, Hayley [<mailto:ford.hayley@epa.gov>]

Sent: Thursday, February 15, 2018 4:21 PM

To: Tasha Duncan <[Tasha.Duncan@okfb.org](mailto:Tasha.Duncan@okfb.org)>

Subject: RE: 2018 Oklahoma Farm Bureau Congressional Action Your - 04/17 through 04/20

Hi Tasha,

We're pretty open so far that day since it's more than 2 months out. What time within 9:30-11:45 and 2-4:30 works best for your group?

*Hayley Ford*

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From: Tasha Duncan [<mailto:Tasha.Duncan@okfb.org>]

Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 4:59 PM

To: Ford, Hayley <[ford.hayley@epa.gov](mailto:ford.hayley@epa.gov)>

Subject: RE: 2018 Oklahoma Farm Bureau Congressional Action Your - 04/17 through 04/20

Importance: High

Good afternoon Hayley,

Yes, April 17<sup>th</sup> still works for us! Even with it being a couple of months out, is there a 30-minute timeframe on the 17<sup>th</sup> the Administrator can work within? Dates we'll be in DC (total) are April 16<sup>th</sup> (fly-in) through April 20<sup>th</sup> (fly-out)...

Thank you,

Tasha Duncan

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From: Ford, Hayley [<mailto:ford.hayley@epa.gov>]

Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 2:28 PM

**To:** Tasha Duncan <[Tasha.Duncan@okfb.org](mailto:Tasha.Duncan@okfb.org)>

**Subject:** RE: 2018 Oklahoma Farm Bureau Congressional Action Your - 04/17 through 04/20

Hello Tasha,

Can you confirm the dates that your group is coming to DC and the times you'd be available for a 30 minute event at EPA? I know you mentioned April 17<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup> so just want to confirm if you'd decided. As of now, the Administrator will likely be out of town April 19 and is slated to be here on April 17. I'd be happy to soft confirm a time on April 17<sup>th</sup> now, but being over 2 months away, we'd then want to reconnect as it gets closer to confirm his plans haven't changed. Unfortunately his schedule moves around so much that it's tough to predict too far ahead of time.

Let me know how it currently stands. Thanks!

**Hayley Ford**

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**From:** Tasha Duncan [<mailto:Tasha.Duncan@okfb.org>]

**Sent:** Thursday, February 1, 2018 3:18 PM

**To:** Ford, Hayley <[ford.hayley@epa.gov](mailto:ford.hayley@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: 2018 Oklahoma Farm Bureau Congressional Action Your - 04/17 through 04/20

**Importance:** High

Hayley,

Okay, thank you so much! Looks like we may be moving to having Tuesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> be a bit better option (than Thursday the 19<sup>th</sup>), depending on what Sonny Perdue's (USDA) schedule looks like! Please let us know as soon as possible, as we would like to nail down our agenda, so we can secure hotels and flights!

Thanks again,

Tasha Duncan

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**From:** Ford, Hayley [<mailto:ford.hayley@epa.gov>]

**Sent:** Thursday, February 01, 2018 12:07 PM

**To:** Tasha Duncan <[Tasha.Duncan@okfb.org](mailto:Tasha.Duncan@okfb.org)>

**Subject:** RE: 2018 Oklahoma Farm Bureau Congressional Action Your - 04/17 through 04/20

Thank you for sending Tasha! We have a few event requests for around this date and we are still finalizing if we will be in town or traveling. We will look to finalize our plans in the coming weeks and will reach back out to you when we do.

Thank you for the request!

**Hayley Ford**

Deputy White House Liaison and Personal Aide to the Administrator  
Environmental Protection Agency

[ford.hayley@epa.gov](mailto:ford.hayley@epa.gov)

Phone: 202-564-2022

Cell: **Ex. 6**

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**From:** Tasha Duncan [<mailto:Tasha.Duncan@okfb.org>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 1, 2018 11:50 AM  
**To:** Kundinger, Kelly <[kundinger.kelly@epa.gov](mailto:kundinger.kelly@epa.gov)>; Ford, Hayley <[ford.hayley@epa.gov](mailto:ford.hayley@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Hupp, Millan <[hupp.millan@epa.gov](mailto:hupp.millan@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: 2018 Oklahoma Farm Bureau Congressional Action Your - 04/17 through 04/20  
**Importance:** High

Good morning Kelly & Hayley,

Please see the attached request document & let me know if and when you know something! I look forward to hearing from you!

Thank you,

Tasha Duncan

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**From:** Kundinger, Kelly [<mailto:kundinger.kelly@epa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 31, 2018 12:13 PM  
**To:** Tasha Duncan <[Tasha.Duncan@okfb.org](mailto:Tasha.Duncan@okfb.org)>  
**Cc:** Hupp, Millan <[hupp.millan@epa.gov](mailto:hupp.millan@epa.gov)>; Ford, Hayley <[ford.hayley@epa.gov](mailto:ford.hayley@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: 2018 Oklahoma Farm Bureau Congressional Action Your - 04/17 through 04/20

Tasha -

The speaker request form that Millan referred to is attached. If you could please complete it with as much information as possible and send it back to me, we would greatly appreciate it.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to email me or call me at **Ex. 6**

Thank you,

Kelly

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**Sent:** 4/20/2018 2:38:21 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, E]  
**CC:** Wanda Barrs [wbarrs@duesouthinvestments.com]  
**Subject:** RE: Sorry to miss!

CONGRATULATIONS!!

You have a wonderful excuse to be absent. Please know that you will be missed and we greatly appreciate your friendship.

Be careful. The hat **Ex. 6** is wearing looks very much like Bulldog Red. He may grow up to be a Georgia Dawg one day. ☺

Earl D. Barrs  
Due South Investments, LLC  
201 Second St., Ste. 1200  
Macon, Georgia 31201



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**From:** Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 20, 2018 8:18 AM  
**To:** Earl Barrs  
**Subject:** Sorry to miss!

Earl! I'm on maternity leave and will miss you guys next week. You are in good hands! He'll to Wanda!

Ps- **Ex. 6** I kept my maiden name Bennett) arrived 10 days early on 4/7 weighing in at 6.7 lbs. Photo attached of **Ex. 6**

# Ex. 6

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**From:** Kathy Bergren [Bergren@ncga.com]  
**Sent:** 4/4/2018 7:34:47 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, E]  
**Subject:** FW: NCGA/State Corn Associations Letter Re: Small Refiner Exemptions  
**Attachments:** NCGA Small Refinery Exemption.pdf

Tate:

Just FYI.

Thanks and hope you are doing well.

Kathy

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**From:** Kathy Bergren  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 4, 2018 3:32 PM  
**To:** 'gunasekara.mandy@epa.gov' <gunasekara.mandy@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** NCGA/State Corn Associations Letter Re: Small Refiner Exemptions

Mandy:

Please find attached a letter to Administrator Pruitt from NCGA and state corn grower associations regarding the impact of RFS exemptions for small refiners.

Thank you,  
Kathy

**Kathy Bergren**  
Director, Public Policy  
National Corn Growers Association  
20 F Street NW, Suite 600

**Ex. 6** Direct  
Mobile  
[bergren@ncga.com](mailto:bergren@ncga.com)

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April 4, 2018

The Honorable Scott Pruitt  
Administrator  
Environmental Protection Agency  
1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW  
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Administrator Pruitt:

The National Corn Growers Association (NCGA) and state corn grower associations are extremely concerned with recent news reports regarding the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) granting small refinery petitions for exemption from Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) volume obligations.

Most recently, EPA reportedly granted exemptions to one of the nation's largest refiners, Andeavor, specifically to three of the corporation's 10 refineries. Andeavor posted net profits of \$1.5 billion in 2017. This improper application of the small refinery hardship exemption is yet another example of EPA actions that destroy demand for ethanol and corn.

Because EPA, as reported, has more than 30 petitions under consideration, granting this number of exemptions, or granting a blanket exemption to all small refiners, would remove a significant amount of renewable fuel gallons from the RFS volume requirement. In turn, such a reduction in the volume obligations would have a direct impact on corn demand and corn prices at a time when net farm income has already decreased more than 50 percent over the past four years. A further drop in corn prices would be devastating to farmers following five consecutive years of declining corn crop receipts resulting from low commodity prices.

In the final rule setting renewable volume obligations (RVO) issued November 30, 2017, EPA indicated the Agency would not adjust percentage standards for 2018 volumes to account for small refinery exemptions granted after the final rule was issued. According to the Energy Information Administration (EIA), the United States had 54 refineries that met the threshold of a small refiner (capacity of 75,000 barrels per day or less) as of January 1, 2017. With a capacity of 1.81 million barrels per day, those refineries represent 9.9 percent of operating U.S. refining capacity.

According to analysis from the University of Illinois, a blanket exemption for all 54 of these small refiners would reduce total RFS volume requirements by 2.09 billion gallons, including 1.63 billion gallons of conventional ethanol.<sup>1</sup> In the absence of a blanket exemption, EPA exemptions to just the 33 smallest refiners would reduce the conventional ethanol volume below 14.3 billion gallons, a volume that represents the amount of ethanol blended into the gasoline supply at a 10 percent level.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Coppess, J. and S. Irwin "Another Wrinkle in the RFS: The Small Refinery Exemption." *farmdoc daily* (7):224, Department of Agricultural and Consumer Economics, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, December 6, 2017.

<sup>2</sup>*Id.*



From a corn production standpoint, every 1 billion gallons of ethanol production ties back to 2.1 million harvested corn acres (assuming 2.8 gallons of ethanol per bushel and an average corn yield of 170 bushels harvested per acre). A loss of 1 billion gallons of ethanol production, therefore, translates to the loss of the annual harvested corn acres in Michigan, which is 2.1 million acres.

Due to the impact on corn production and prices, we strongly urge EPA against misuse of the small refinery hardship exemption as a backdoor means to exercise RFS waiver authority, which the Agency chose not to pursue in the 2018 volume obligation rule. As EPA noted in the Agency's response to comments in the rulemaking process, "EPA has invested significant resources evaluating the impact of high RIN prices on refiners. After reviewing the available data, EPA has concluded that refiners are generally able to recover the cost of RINs in the prices they receive for their refined products, and therefore high RIN prices do not cause significant harm to refiners. In light of these findings, EPA does not have the statutory authority to reduce the required renewable fuel volumes for 2018 in an effort to achieve lower RIN prices."<sup>3</sup>

You made a commitment to senators in October to, "act consistent with the text and spirit of the RFS," and to do so in an "open and transparent manner that advances the full potential of this program." We evaluate EPA's actions based on this commitment and ask that you do the same, as well as recall the support President Trump has expressed for the RFS and biofuels that benefit rural America.

We request that EPA provide full transparency to small refiner exemption evaluations and decisions as the Agency considers its process and criteria in light of the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals *Sinclair Refining* decision and the large number refiners submitting petitions. Large, multi-billion-dollar corporations such as Andeavor should not be granted "hardship" exemptions from their RFS obligations.

Finally, we ask that EPA fully weigh the impact of these exemption decisions on corn production, and ultimately corn prices, which could be significant for farmers, as well as for jobs and the economy, in rural communities across the country.

Sincerely,

Kevin Skunes, President  
National Corn Growers Association

Stan Usery, President  
Alabama Soybean and Corn Association

David Eckhardt, President  
Colorado Corn Growers Association

Rodney Harrell, President  
Georgia Corn Growers Association

Aron Carlson, President  
Illinois Corn Growers Association

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<sup>3</sup> EPA, *Renewable Fuel Standard Program – Standards for 2018 and Biomass-Based Diesel Volume for 2019; Response to Comments*. (Dec. 2017) 198

Sarah Delbecq, President  
Indiana Corn Growers Association

Mark Recker, President  
Iowa Corn Growers Association

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Nebraska Corn Board

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New York Corn and Soybean Growers Association

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Jed Bower, President  
Ohio Corn and Wheat Growers Association

Eric Rosenbaum, Executive Director  
Pennsylvania Corn Growers Association

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South Dakota Corn Growers Association

Joe Reed, President  
Corn Producers Association of Texas

Jay Taliaferro, President  
Virginia Grain Producers Association

Doug Rebout, President  
Wisconsin Corn Growers Association

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**From:** Tasha Duncan [Tasha.Duncan@okfb.org]  
**Sent:** 4/9/2018 5:29:41 PM  
**To:** Tasha Duncan [Tasha.Duncan@okfb.org]  
**Subject:** You're Invited: 2018 Oklahoma Farm Bureau Legislative Reception - Congressional Action Tour

**Importance:** High  
**Flag:** For Your Information

Good morning,

Please join Oklahoma Farm Bureau on Tuesday evening, April 17 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for our Legislative Reception in the SVC 203-202 Room of the Capitol Visitor Center on First St., NE! You have received this invitation as a "Thank You" for your involvement and participation in the planning and carrying out of our annual Congressional Action Tour our organization's leaders and members are so fortunate to take part in!

There will be a buffet of light hors doeuvres and a house bar! You are more than welcome to stay from beginning to end; but this is also a come-and-go event, if that works better for each of your schedules! Below is the current list of invites:

- USDA Secretary Sonny Perdue
  - Sandy Gilchrist
  - Turner Bridgforth
  - Blake Rollins
- Oklahoma Senator Jim Inhofe
  - Wendi Price
  - Kate Singleton
  - 1 additional staff member
- Oklahoma Senator James Lankford
  - Jaclyn O'Neil
  - Michelle Altman
  - 1 additional staff member
- AFBF President Zippy Duvall
  - Valeria Zavala
  - Dale Moore
  - Dave Salmonsens
  - Paul Schlegel
  - Pat Wolff
  - Ryan Yates
  - Randy Dwyer
  - Jordan Craig
- Oklahoma Congressman Markwayne Mullin
  - Madison Thames
  - 2 additional staff members
- Oklahoma Congressman Frank Lucas
  - Meg Wagner
  - Stacey Glasscock
  - Dillon Johnson
- Oklahoma Congressman Steve Russell
  - Alex Alavi

- 2 additional staff members
- Oklahoma Congressman Jim Bridenstine
  - Megan Wenrich
  - 2 additional staff members
- EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt
  - Hema Subramanian
  - Hayley Ford
  - Millan Hupp
  - Kelly Kunding
  - Tate Bennett
  - Stephen Gordan
- Bart Fischer (Deputy Staff Director & Chief Economist, House Agriculture Committee)

If “\_\_ additional staff member(s)” is listed, please know we have made space and arranged light hors doeuvres, etc. for this specific number of individuals; and we trust your judgement to pass on this invitation to an individual(s) of your choice! I would greatly appreciate it, if everyone on this email could make sure everyone on this list above is aware of their invite! If I have any of this information incorrect or if I have missed anyone who would like to attend this event, please let me know! If you cannot attend but would like to send someone in your place, feel free to do so! RSVP is not required but, of course, appreciated!

If you have any questions or if I can be of any further assistance, please let me know! We look forward to seeing each of you on the 17<sup>th</sup>!

Thank you,

**Tasha Duncan**

Public Policy Coordinator

[tasha.duncan@okfb.com](mailto:tasha.duncan@okfb.com)



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**Sent:** 4/20/2018 12:54:36 PM  
**To:** Dain Hansen [dain.hansen@iapmo.org]  
**CC:** Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]; rich.gold@hklaw.com; Michael Galano [michael.galano@hklaw.com]  
**Subject:** Re: Meeting Request for January 8-11

Unfortunately, David Ross is unavailable to meet with you on May 8th. However, David's Deputy Assistant Administrator, Lee Forsgren would be happy to meet with your CEO. Lee is available @ 9a, 10 and 11am. Please advise.

*Crystal M. Penman  
Environmental Protection Agency  
Office of Water  
1201 Constitution Ave NW  
Washington, DC 20004  
202-564-3318*

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**From:** Dain Hansen <dain.hansen@iapmo.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 20, 2018 12:08 AM  
**To:** Penman, Crystal  
**Cc:** Bennett, Tate; rich.gold@hklaw.com; Michael Galano  
**Subject:** Re: Meeting Request for January 8-11

Hello Crystal,

I hope you've had a great week thus far!

My CEO is again coming to Washington DC on May 8. We would very much appreciate a few minutes with Mr. Ross, if he is in town during that time.

Thank you!

Dain M. Hansen  
Senior Vice President  
Government Relations  
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101 Constitution Avenue, NW  
Suite 825 East  
Washington, D.C. 20001

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On Mar 8, 2018, at 10:13 AM, Penman, Crystal <[Penman.Crystal@epa.gov](mailto:Penman.Crystal@epa.gov)> wrote:

Thank you for your email . As you can imagine, it is a busy time for Mr. Ross. At this time, Mr. Ross' schedule is near full through mid-June. As we enter summer, we will be considering opportunities such as yours. We thank you for your interest and look forward to working with you towards a possible visit in the future. Please don't hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

-----Original Message-----

From: Dain Hansen [<mailto:dain.hansen@iapmo.org>]

Sent: Wednesday, January 10, 2018 3:39 PM

To: Penman, Crystal <[Penman.Crystal@epa.gov](mailto:Penman.Crystal@epa.gov)>

Cc: Michael Galano <[michael.galano@hklaw.com](mailto:michael.galano@hklaw.com)>; [rich.gold@hklaw.com](mailto:rich.gold@hklaw.com)

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I will work on getting you scheduled in sometime this week.

Crystal Penman  
Program Specialist  
Office of Water  
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Work: 202-564-3318  
[Penman.Crystal@epa.gov](mailto:Penman.Crystal@epa.gov)

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Subject: Re: Meeting Request for January 8-11

Thank you, Crystal.

We appreciate that follow-up. However, with Adm. Pruitt being unavailable, could we get on AA Ross' schedule? We know Lee, and actually just met with him a few weeks ago.

Thank you,

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Thank you for the invitation to meet with your CEO. Our Administrator, Scott Pruitt will not be available due to scheduling conflicts, however, Lee Forsgren, Deputy Assistant Administrator for the Office of Water is available and happy to meet with your CEO. Please let me know your available dates/times for the meeting.

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Thank you for your email. As of March 30, 2018 I am no longer with George Allen Strategies or the Office of George Allen. If you require further assistance, please contact Kaitlin Murphy at KMurphy (at) GeorgeAllen (dot) com or **Ex. 6**

Thanks,

Sandy

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Cc: [rich.gold@hklaw.com](mailto:rich.gold@hklaw.com); Michael Galano <[michael.galano@hklaw.com](mailto:michael.galano@hklaw.com)>  
Subject: Re: Meeting Request for January 8-11

Thank you, Crystal.

Dain M. Hansen  
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[www.Linkedin.com/in/DainHansen](https://www.Linkedin.com/in/DainHansen)

Penman, Crystal <[Penman.Crystal@epa.gov](mailto:Penman.Crystal@epa.gov)> wrote:

I will work on getting you scheduled in sometime this week.

Crystal Penman  
Program Specialist  
Office of Water  
Immediate Office  
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Work: 202-564-3318  
[Penman.Crystal@epa.gov](mailto:Penman.Crystal@epa.gov)

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From: Dain Hansen [<mailto:dain.hansen@iapmo.org>]

Sent: Thursday, January 4, 2018 11:58 AM

To: Penman, Crystal <[Penman.Crystal@epa.gov](mailto:Penman.Crystal@epa.gov)>

Cc: [rich.gold@hklaw.com](mailto:rich.gold@hklaw.com); Michael Galano <[michael.galano@hklaw.com](mailto:michael.galano@hklaw.com)>

Subject: Re: Meeting Request for January 8-11

Thank you, Crystal.

We appreciate that follow-up. However, with Adm. Pruitt being unavailable, could we get on AA Ross' schedule? We know Lee, and actually just met with him a few weeks ago.

Thank you,

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On Jan 3, 2018, at 9:25 AM, Penman, Crystal <[Penman.Crystal@epa.gov](mailto:Penman.Crystal@epa.gov)> wrote:

Thank you for the invitation to meet with your CEO. Our Administrator, Scott Pruitt will not be available due to scheduling conflicts, however, Lee Forsgren, Deputy Assistant Administrator for the Office of Water is available and happy to meet with your CEO. Please let me know your available dates/times for the meeting.

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**From:** Earl Barrs [ebarrs@duesouthinvestments.com]  
**Sent:** 5/16/2018 11:08:01 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, E]  
**Subject:** Re: [SPAM-Sender] Re: Good op-ed

I wrote a letter to The NYT in response to their negative editorial referencing biomass. Don't think it was published (surprised). If you did not see it I can send you a copy.

Earl D. Barrs  
Due South Investments

On May 16, 2018, at 6:33 PM, Bennett, Tate <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)> wrote:

Hope you are well!

On May 16, 2018, at 5:50 PM, Earl Barrs <[ebarrs@duesouthinvestments.com](mailto:ebarrs@duesouthinvestments.com)> wrote:

Yes. He has been a strong voice for biomass energy. We need more advocates like him.  
Good hearing from you again.

Earl D. Barrs  
Due South Investments

On May 16, 2018, at 4:02 PM, Bennett, Tate <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)> wrote:

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**From:** "Ferguson, Lincoln" <[ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov](mailto:ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov)>  
**Date:** May 16, 2018 at 3:02:45 PM EDT  
**To:** "Ford, Hayley" <[ford.hayley@epa.gov](mailto:ford.hayley@epa.gov)>, "Bennett, Tate" <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** FW: Good op-ed

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Atlanta Journal-Constitution  
<https://www.myajc.com/news/opinion/opinion-epa-pruitt-helping-set-the-world-right-again/o1zzM7VOGij1apC9BUE0UM/>  
**EPA's Pruitt Helping Set The World Right Again**  
By Tim Echols, 5/15/18

EPA head Scott Pruitt recently made a surprise trip to an elementary school in remote middle Georgia, and his pronouncement could have a profound impact on the energy portfolios of the future. Here's how.

By declaring biomass carbon-neutral, Administrator Pruitt returns the agency to its pre-2010 position and brings the United States in line with the European Union and California. After all, U.S. forests absorb CO<sub>2</sub>, and figures in 2015 suggest that over 11 percent of U.S. greenhouse gas emissions were “sunk” in our collective forests.

More importantly for heavily wooded states, Pruitt’s pronouncement that burning wood would be “carbon-neutral” instantly made wood chips equivalent to wind and solar. Since I help regulate energy in a state with virtually no wind and 25 million acres of pine trees, it could change our future.

That future is one shaped by a post-Trump White House Democrat like Bernie Sanders who might take their own EPA down a cap-and-trade road where emitting CO<sub>2</sub> carries with it a financial penalty. President Obama tried this and was shot down with Congress rejecting the infamous government, market-based approach to controlling CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by providing economic incentives for reductions.

To be precise, Pruitt said that, going forward, biomass from managed forests (pine plantations in Georgia’s case) will be treated as carbon-neutral when used for energy production at stationary sources. He added that the EPA would be assessing options for incorporating non-forest biomass (think yard waste) as carbon-neutral as well.

Solar and wind are wonderful, but they are intermittent. Burning wood chips or pellets, as they do in Europe, becomes renewable baseload energy: reliable, dispatchable and sustainable.

Utilizing biomass also offers a hedge against rising electric rates that might result from future escalation in natural gas, coal and uranium prices — all commodities that have historical price fluctuation. Even solar panels have experienced a price increase with the recent tariff imposed by the Administration.

Using a resource like biomass provides clean-tech job opportunities for local economies for plant operators, truck drivers and logging crews. And because those semi-trucks loaded with chips arrive around the clock, biomass provides a steady supply of electricity and steam and it does not depend on the sun shining or the wind blowing.



Administrator Pruitt has made a few mistakes as he has moved from serving at state level to the federal level. It is a steep learning curve and patience is in order. But know this: he is federalizing and reforming an agency that has been heavy-handed, anti-state, and anti-growth. I, for one, am willing to cut him some slack.

*Tim Echols is vice-chair of the Georgia Public Service Commission.*

**Michael Abboud**

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

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**From:** National Pest Management Association [npma@pestworld.org]  
**Sent:** 3/16/2018 1:00:23 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]  
**Subject:** As You Make Your Way to Washington, DC

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AS YOU MAKE YOUR WAY TO DC

As you make your way to Washington, DC for Legislative Day 2018, we wanted to give you some important information to ensure you are prepared for the events over the next few days.

## REGISTRATION HOURS

The Registration Desk is located on the Capital Terrace (second level) and will be open during the following hours:

Sunday, March 18: 7:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Monday, March 19: 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 20: 7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

## HOTEL & TRAVEL INFORMATION

Capital Hilton

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## DIRECTIONS | METRO MAP

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This year, NPMA members will be conveying three critical issues to the legislators concerning the structural pest management industry. [Click here](#) to view the Senate appointment schedule. *NPMA staff is continuing to work on scheduling appointments, if you do not see your Senator included on this list please contact [abray@pestworld.org](mailto:abray@pestworld.org) and [jplevelich@pestworld.org](mailto:jplevelich@pestworld.org).*

**Relationship Between EPA and State Lead Agencies Regarding Pesticide Regulation**  
Position Paper | Talking Points

**Bring Clarity to the FIFRA/ESA Intersection, Fix the Broken Pesticide Consultation Process**

Position Paper | Talking Points

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### **Position Paper | Talking Points**

NPMA will cover these issues in depth during the Monday afternoon issues briefing and the Public Policy committee meeting at Legislative Day.

If you have any questions on the issues to be discussed, please contact NPMA's Public Policy team.

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All first timers are invited and encouraged to join us for a quick run through of the Legislative Day events. We'll cover logistics of navigating Capitol Hill, how to best interact and make a good impression during your appointments, and review the issues and talking points we've put together to advocate on behalf of the structural pest management industry. Join us on Sunday from 5:00PM – 6:00PM in the New York Room for a Cliffs Notes overview of what to expect out of this conference.

### **CAPITOL STEPS PERFORMANCE**

Sunday, March 18

9:00 - 10:30 p.m.

Presidential Ballroom

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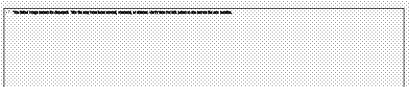
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**From:** Subramanian, Hema [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=65E089600E8B4724A2E85997849BD208-SUBRAMANIAN, HEMA]  
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**To:** Tasha Duncan [Tasha.Duncan@okfb.org]; Ford, Hayley [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=4748a9029cf74453a20ee8ac9527830c-Ford, Hayle]  
**CC:** Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]; Gordon, Stephen [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=7c8fb4d82bff4eec98f5c5d00a47f554-Gordon, Ste]  
**Subject:** RE: TIME SENSITIVE: 2018 Oklahoma Farm Bureau Congressional Action Your - 04/17 through 04/20

Yes, this is helpful. Thank you Tasha, and I'll be in touch soon with updates!  
---Hema.

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Hema Subramanian  
Acting Special Assistant for Agriculture Policy  
Office of the Administrator  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Washington, DC  
office: (202) 564-5041

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**From:** Tasha Duncan [mailto:Tasha.Duncan@okfb.org]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 26, 2018 10:24 AM  
**To:** Subramanian, Hema <Subramanian.Hema@epa.gov>; Ford, Hayley <ford.hayley@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>; Gordon, Stephen <gordon.stephen@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: TIME SENSITIVE: 2018 Oklahoma Farm Bureau Congressional Action Your - 04/17 through 04/20  
**Importance:** High

Good morning Hema,

I've attached the speaking request I filled out at the beginning of this process... Is that helpful for requested topics? We don't have anything super specific in mind, except a solid overall update on whatever topics and issues the EPA has been working on... Thank you so much for fitting us in Thursday afternoon, April 19 at 2:30 p.m.!

Thank you,

Tasha Duncan | Public Policy Coordinator | [tasha.duncan@okfb.com](mailto:tasha.duncan@okfb.com)



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**From:** Subramanian, Hema <Subramanian.Hema@epa.gov>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 23, 2018 4:05 PM  
**To:** Ford, Hayley <ford.hayley@epa.gov>; Tasha Duncan <Tasha.Duncan@OKFB.org>  
**Cc:** Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>; Gordon, Stephen <gordon.stephen@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: TIME SENSITIVE: 2018 Oklahoma Farm Bureau Congressional Action Your - 04/17 through 04/20

Hello Tasha,

I'd be happy to set up your meeting here at EPA on April 19<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm. If you could send me your list of requested topics, I'll get started on lining up speakers next week.

Have a great weekend,  
---Hema.

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**From:** Ford, Hayley  
**Sent:** Friday, March 23, 2018 4:09 PM  
**To:** Tasha Duncan <[Tasha.Duncan@okfb.org](mailto:Tasha.Duncan@okfb.org)>  
**Cc:** Bennett, Tate <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)>; Gordon, Stephen <[gordon.stephen@epa.gov](mailto:gordon.stephen@epa.gov)>; Subramanian, Hema <[Subramanian.Hema@epa.gov](mailto:Subramanian.Hema@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: TIME SENSITIVE: 2018 Oklahoma Farm Bureau Congressional Action Your - 04/17 through 04/20

Hi Tasha,

I've copied here Hema Subramanian, who works with our ag stakeholders. Since the Administrator won't be attending, she will coordinate the meeting and our staff involvement. She will let you know if she can make April 19 at 2:30PM work.

Thanks!

***Hayley Ford***

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**From:** Tasha Duncan [<mailto:Tasha.Duncan@okfb.org>]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 23, 2018 2:20 PM  
**To:** Ford, Hayley <[ford.hayley@epa.gov](mailto:ford.hayley@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Bennett, Tate <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)>; Gordon, Stephen <[gordon.stephen@epa.gov](mailto:gordon.stephen@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: TIME SENSITIVE: 2018 Oklahoma Farm Bureau Congressional Action Your - 04/17 through 04/20  
**Importance:** High

Good afternoon Hayley,

Any word on this scheduling change by chance? 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 19 is definitely our preference... Just wanting to get everything ironed out before this weekend, if possible!

Thank you,



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**From:** Tasha Duncan

**Sent:** Friday, March 23, 2018 8:56 AM

**To:** 'Ford, Hayley' <[ford.hayley@epa.gov](mailto:ford.hayley@epa.gov)>

**Cc:** Bennett, Tate <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)>; Gordon, Stephen <[gordon.stephen@epa.gov](mailto:gordon.stephen@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: TIME SENSITIVE: 2018 Oklahoma Farm Bureau Congressional Action Your - 04/17 through 04/20

**Importance:** High

Yes, senior staff will still work just fine for us; sorry to not see Administrator Pruitt though! If it's no skin off your back, 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 19 would in fact work better for us; but I understand, if it needs to remain on Tuesday, April 17... Please let me know, at your earliest convenience!

Thank you,

Tasha Duncan | Public Policy Coordinator | [tasha.duncan@okfb.com](mailto:tasha.duncan@okfb.com)



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**From:** Ford, Hayley <[ford.hayley@epa.gov](mailto:ford.hayley@epa.gov)>

**Sent:** Friday, March 23, 2018 8:54 AM

**To:** Tasha Duncan <[Tasha.Duncan@OKFB.org](mailto:Tasha.Duncan@OKFB.org)>

**Cc:** Bennett, Tate <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)>; Gordon, Stephen <[gordon.stephen@epa.gov](mailto:gordon.stephen@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: TIME SENSITIVE: 2018 Oklahoma Farm Bureau Congressional Action Your - 04/17 through 04/20

Hi Tasha,

I have this down for 2:30PM on April 17. Do you need to change?

Also I wanted to let you know that Administrator Pruitt will now be out of the office April 16-19 on travel. We are still happy to host you at the EPA with senior staff if it works for your schedule!

*Hayley Ford*

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**From:** Tasha Duncan [<mailto:Tasha.Duncan@okfb.org>]

**Sent:** Friday, March 23, 2018 9:50 AM

**To:** Ford, Hayley <[ford.hayley@epa.gov](mailto:ford.hayley@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** TIME SENSITIVE: 2018 Oklahoma Farm Bureau Congressional Action Your - 04/17 through 04/20

**Importance:** High

Hayley,

I'm not sure why I had this down for Thursday, April 19! Do you have this down for Tuesday, April 17? Please let me know, at your earliest convenience!

Thank you,

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**From:** Tasha Duncan

**Sent:** Tuesday, March 20, 2018 3:19 PM

**To:** 'Ford, Hayley' <[ford.hayley@epa.gov](mailto:ford.hayley@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: 2018 Oklahoma Farm Bureau Congressional Action Your - 04/17 through 04/20

**Importance:** High

Good afternoon Hayley,

I have our briefing at the EPA from Administrator Scott Pruitt scheduled for Thursday, April 19 at 2:30 p.m. I have a running list of names to submit to you for security purposes, and I am more than able to start receiving arrival instructions, etc. from you, at your earliest convenience! I look forward to hearing from you!

- Ron Justice
- Darlene Justice
- Marla Peek
- Zac Swartz
- Bray Haven
- Tasha Duncan
- Dustin Mielke
- Hannah Davis
- Rodd Moesel
- Dona Moesel
- Thad Doye
- Marla Doye
- Alan Jett
- Alyson Jett
- Jimmy Kinder
- Margaret Kinder
- Keith Kisling
- Marlene Kisling
- Jim Meek
- Glenda Meek
- Monte Tucker
- Justin Whitmore
- Ciera Whitmore
- Gary Crawley
- Wilma Crawley
- James Fuser
- Candy Fuser

- John Grundmann
- Janice Grundmann
- Mary Sloan
- Kent Dowell
- Misty Dowell
- Jeni Lou Dowell

I'm about 99% sure some names will be added to this, but these are the folks I have for now!

Thank you,

Tasha Duncan | Public Policy Coordinator | [tasha.duncan@okfb.com](mailto:tasha.duncan@okfb.com)




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**From:** Ford, Hayley <[ford.hayley@epa.gov](mailto:ford.hayley@epa.gov)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 20, 2018 4:02 PM  
**To:** Tasha Duncan <[Tasha.Duncan@OKFB.org](mailto:Tasha.Duncan@OKFB.org)>  
**Subject:** RE: 2018 Oklahoma Farm Bureau Congressional Action Your - 04/17 through 04/20

Should we say 2:30PM for now? Let's touch base as it gets closer and you can provide names of attendees, we'll send arrival instructions, and you can let me know if there are any specific items that the group wants to hear about?

*Hayley Ford*

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**From:** Tasha Duncan [<mailto:Tasha.Duncan@okfb.org>]  
**Sent:** Friday, February 16, 2018 3:39 PM  
**To:** Ford, Hayley <[ford.hayley@epa.gov](mailto:ford.hayley@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: 2018 Oklahoma Farm Bureau Congressional Action Your - 04/17 through 04/20

Hayley,

As of right now, we don't have any restrictions on that date; however in order to leave plenty of time flexibility during morning and afternoon/evening hours (also meeting with USDA likely on the same day), I'd probably lean more towards the 2-4:30 p.m. timeframe! What are your thoughts on that?

Thank you,

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**From:** Ford, Hayley [<mailto:ford.hayley@epa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 15, 2018 4:21 PM  
**To:** Tasha Duncan <[Tasha.Duncan@okfb.org](mailto:Tasha.Duncan@okfb.org)>  
**Subject:** RE: 2018 Oklahoma Farm Bureau Congressional Action Your - 04/17 through 04/20

Hi Tasha,

We're pretty open so far that day since it's more than 2 months out. What time within 9:30-11:45 and 2-4:30 works best for your group?

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**From:** Tasha Duncan [<mailto:Tasha.Duncan@okfb.org>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 13, 2018 4:59 PM  
**To:** Ford, Hayley <[ford.hayley@epa.gov](mailto:ford.hayley@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: 2018 Oklahoma Farm Bureau Congressional Action Your - 04/17 through 04/20  
**Importance:** High

Good afternoon Hayley,

Yes, April 17<sup>th</sup> still works for us! Even with it being a couple of months out, is there a 30-minute timeframe on the 17<sup>th</sup> the Administrator can work within? Dates we'll be in DC (total) are April 16<sup>th</sup> (fly-in) through April 20<sup>th</sup> (fly-out)...

Thank you,

Tasha Duncan

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**From:** Ford, Hayley [<mailto:ford.hayley@epa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 13, 2018 2:28 PM  
**To:** Tasha Duncan <[Tasha.Duncan@okfb.org](mailto:Tasha.Duncan@okfb.org)>  
**Subject:** RE: 2018 Oklahoma Farm Bureau Congressional Action Your - 04/17 through 04/20

Hello Tasha,

Can you confirm the dates that your group is coming to DC and the times you'd be available for a 30 minute event at EPA? I know you mentioned April 17<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup> so just want to confirm if you'd decided. As of now, the Administrator will likely be out of town April 19 and is slated to be here on April 17. I'd be happy to soft confirm a time on April 17<sup>th</sup> now, but being over 2 months away, we'd then want to reconnect as it gets closer to confirm his plans haven't changed. Unfortunately his schedule moves around so much that it's tough to predict too far ahead of time.

Let me know how it currently stands. Thanks!

***Hayley Ford***

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**From:** Tasha Duncan [mailto:Tasha.Duncan@okfb.org]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 1, 2018 3:18 PM  
**To:** Ford, Hayley <ford.hayley@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: 2018 Oklahoma Farm Bureau Congressional Action Your - 04/17 through 04/20  
**Importance:** High

Hayley,

Okay, thank you so much! Looks like we may be moving to having Tuesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> be a bit better option (than Thursday the 19<sup>th</sup>), depending on what Sonny Perdue's (USDA) schedule looks like! Please let us know as soon as possible, as we would like to nail down our agenda, so we can secure hotels and flights!

Thanks again,

Tasha Duncan

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**From:** Ford, Hayley [mailto:ford.hayley@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 01, 2018 12:07 PM  
**To:** Tasha Duncan <Tasha.Duncan@okfb.org>  
**Subject:** RE: 2018 Oklahoma Farm Bureau Congressional Action Your - 04/17 through 04/20

Thank you for sending Tasha! We have a few event requests for around this date and we are still finalizing if we will be in town or traveling. We will look to finalize our plans in the coming weeks and will reach back out to you when we do.

Thank you for the request!

*Hayley Ford*

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**Sent:** Thursday, February 1, 2018 11:50 AM  
**To:** Kundinger, Kelly <kundinger.kelly@epa.gov>; Ford, Hayley <ford.hayley@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Hupp, Millan <hupp.millan@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: 2018 Oklahoma Farm Bureau Congressional Action Your - 04/17 through 04/20  
**Importance:** High

Good morning Kelly & Hayley,

Please see the attached request document & let me know if and when you know something! I look forward to hearing from you!

Thank you,

Tasha Duncan

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**From:** Kunding, Kelly [<mailto:kunding.kelly@epa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 31, 2018 12:13 PM  
**To:** Tasha Duncan <[Tasha.Duncan@okfb.org](mailto:Tasha.Duncan@okfb.org)>  
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**Subject:** Re: 2018 Oklahoma Farm Bureau Congressional Action Your - 04/17 through 04/20

Tasha -

The speaker request form that Millan referred to is attached. If you could please complete it with as much information as possible and send it back to me, we would greatly appreciate it.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to email me or call me at **Ex. 6**

Thank you,

Kelly

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**From:** Tasha Duncan [Tasha.Duncan@okfb.org]  
**Sent:** 3/26/2018 2:24:04 PM  
**To:** Subramanian, Hema [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=65e089600e8b4724a2e85997849bd208-Subramanian, Hema]; Ford, Hayley [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=4748a9029cf74453a20ee8ac9527830c-Ford, Hayle]  
**CC:** Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]; Gordon, Stephen [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=7c8fb4d82bff4eec98f5c5d00a47f554-Gordon, Ste]  
**Subject:** RE: TIME SENSITIVE: 2018 Oklahoma Farm Bureau Congressional Action Your - 04/17 through 04/20  
**Attachments:** Scott Pruitt Briefing Request.docx

**Importance:** High

Good morning Hema,

I've attached the speaking request I filled out at the beginning of this process... Is that helpful for requested topics? We don't have anything super specific in mind, except a solid overall update on whatever topics and issues the EPA has been working on... Thank you so much for fitting us in Thursday afternoon, April 19 at 2:30 p.m.!

Thank you,

Tasha Duncan | Public Policy Coordinator | [tasha.duncan@okfb.com](mailto:tasha.duncan@okfb.com)



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**From:** Subramanian, Hema <Subramanian.Hema@epa.gov>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 23, 2018 4:05 PM  
**To:** Ford, Hayley <ford.hayley@epa.gov>; Tasha Duncan <Tasha.Duncan@OKFB.org>  
**Cc:** Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>; Gordon, Stephen <gordon.stephen@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: TIME SENSITIVE: 2018 Oklahoma Farm Bureau Congressional Action Your - 04/17 through 04/20

Hello Tasha,

I'd be happy to set up your meeting here at EPA on April 19<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm. If you could send me your list of requested topics, I'll get started on lining up speakers next week.

Have a great weekend,  
---Hema.

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Hema Subramanian  
Acting Special Assistant for Agriculture Policy  
Office of the Administrator  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Washington, DC  
office: (202) 564-5041

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**From:** Ford, Hayley  
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**Subject:** RE: TIME SENSITIVE: 2018 Oklahoma Farm Bureau Congressional Action Your - 04/17 through 04/20

Hi Tasha,

I've copied here Hema Subramanian, who works with our ag stakeholders. Since the Administrator won't be attending, she will coordinate the meeting and our staff involvement. She will let you know if she can make April 19 at 2:30PM work.

Thanks!

***Hayley Ford***

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**Sent:** Friday, March 23, 2018 2:20 PM  
**To:** Ford, Hayley <[ford.hayley@epa.gov](mailto:ford.hayley@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Bennett, Tate <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)>; Gordon, Stephen <[gordon.stephen@epa.gov](mailto:gordon.stephen@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: TIME SENSITIVE: 2018 Oklahoma Farm Bureau Congressional Action Your - 04/17 through 04/20  
**Importance:** High

Good afternoon Hayley,

Any word on this scheduling change by chance? 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 19 is definitely our preference... Just wanting to get everything ironed out before this weekend, if possible!

Thank you,

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**From:** Tasha Duncan  
**Sent:** Friday, March 23, 2018 8:56 AM  
**To:** 'Ford, Hayley' <[ford.hayley@epa.gov](mailto:ford.hayley@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Bennett, Tate <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)>; Gordon, Stephen <[gordon.stephen@epa.gov](mailto:gordon.stephen@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: TIME SENSITIVE: 2018 Oklahoma Farm Bureau Congressional Action Your - 04/17 through 04/20  
**Importance:** High

Yes, senior staff will still work just fine for us; sorry to not see Administrator Pruitt though! If it's no skin off your back, 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 19 would in fact work better for



us; but I understand, if it needs to remain on Tuesday, April 17... Please let me know, at your earliest convenience!

Thank you,

Tasha Duncan | Public Policy Coordinator | [tasha.duncan@okfb.com](mailto:tasha.duncan@okfb.com)



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**From:** Ford, Hayley <[ford.hayley@epa.gov](mailto:ford.hayley@epa.gov)>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 23, 2018 8:54 AM  
**To:** Tasha Duncan <[Tasha.Duncan@OKFB.org](mailto:Tasha.Duncan@OKFB.org)>  
**Cc:** Bennett, Tate <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)>; Gordon, Stephen <[gordon.stephen@epa.gov](mailto:gordon.stephen@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: TIME SENSITIVE: 2018 Oklahoma Farm Bureau Congressional Action Your - 04/17 through 04/20

Hi Tasha,

I have this down for 2:30PM on April 17. Do you need to change?

Also I wanted to let you know that Administrator Pruitt will now be out of the office April 16-19 on travel. We are still happy to host you at the EPA with senior staff if it works for your schedule!

*Hayley Ford*

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**From:** Tasha Duncan [<mailto:Tasha.Duncan@okfb.org>]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 23, 2018 9:50 AM  
**To:** Ford, Hayley <[ford.hayley@epa.gov](mailto:ford.hayley@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** TIME SENSITIVE: 2018 Oklahoma Farm Bureau Congressional Action Your - 04/17 through 04/20  
**Importance:** High

Hayley,

I'm not sure why I had this down for Thursday, April 19! Do you have this down for Tuesday, April 17? Please let me know, at your earliest convenience!

Thank you,

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**From:** Tasha Duncan  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 20, 2018 3:19 PM  
**To:** 'Ford, Hayley' <[ford.hayley@epa.gov](mailto:ford.hayley@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: 2018 Oklahoma Farm Bureau Congressional Action Your - 04/17 through 04/20

**Importance:** High

Good afternoon Hayley,

I have our briefing at the EPA from Administrator Scott Pruitt scheduled for Thursday, April 19 at 2:30 p.m. I have a running list of names to submit to you for security purposes, and I am more than able to start receiving arrival instructions, etc. from you, at your earliest convenience! I look forward to hearing from you!

- Ron Justice
- Darlene Justice
- Marla Peek
- Zac Swartz
- Bray Haven
- Tasha Duncan
- Dustin Mielke
- Hannah Davis
- Rodd Moesel
- Dona Moesel
- Thad Doye
- Marla Doye
- Alan Jett
- Alyson Jett
- Jimmy Kinder
- Margaret Kinder
- Keith Kisling
- Marlene Kisling
- Jim Meek
- Glenda Meek
- Monte Tucker
- Justin Whitmore
- Ciera Whitmore
- Gary Crawley
- Wilma Crawley
- James Fuser
- Candy Fuser
- John Grundmann
- Janice Grundmann
- Mary Sloan
- Kent Dowell
- Misty Dowell
- Jeni Lou Dowell

I'm about 99% sure some names will be added to this, but these are the folks I have for now!

Thank you,

Tasha Duncan | Public Policy Coordinator | [tasha.duncan@okfb.com](mailto:tasha.duncan@okfb.com)



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**From:** Ford, Hayley <[ford.hayley@epa.gov](mailto:ford.hayley@epa.gov)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, February 20, 2018 4:02 PM

**To:** Tasha Duncan <[Tasha.Duncan@OKFB.org](mailto:Tasha.Duncan@OKFB.org)>

**Subject:** RE: 2018 Oklahoma Farm Bureau Congressional Action Your - 04/17 through 04/20

Should we say 2:30PM for now? Let's touch base as it gets closer and you can provide names of attendees, we'll send arrival instructions, and you can let me know if there are any specific items that the group wants to hear about?

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**From:** Tasha Duncan [<mailto:Tasha.Duncan@okfb.org>]

**Sent:** Friday, February 16, 2018 3:39 PM

**To:** Ford, Hayley <[ford.hayley@epa.gov](mailto:ford.hayley@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: 2018 Oklahoma Farm Bureau Congressional Action Your - 04/17 through 04/20

Hayley,

As of right now, we don't have any restrictions on that date; however in order to leave plenty of time flexibility during morning and afternoon/evening hours (also meeting with USDA likely on the same day), I'd probably lean more towards the 2-4:30 p.m. timeframe! What are your thoughts on that?

Thank you,

Tasha Duncan | Public Policy Coordinator | [tasha.duncan@okfb.com](mailto:tasha.duncan@okfb.com)



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**From:** Ford, Hayley [<mailto:ford.hayley@epa.gov>]

**Sent:** Thursday, February 15, 2018 4:21 PM

**To:** Tasha Duncan <[Tasha.Duncan@okfb.org](mailto:Tasha.Duncan@okfb.org)>

**Subject:** RE: 2018 Oklahoma Farm Bureau Congressional Action Your - 04/17 through 04/20

Hi Tasha,

We're pretty open so far that day since it's more than 2 months out. What time within 9:30-11:45 and 2-4:30 works best for your group?

*Hayley Ford*

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**From:** Tasha Duncan [<mailto:Tasha.Duncan@okfb.org>]

**Sent:** Tuesday, February 13, 2018 4:59 PM

**To:** Ford, Hayley <[ford.hayley@epa.gov](mailto:ford.hayley@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: 2018 Oklahoma Farm Bureau Congressional Action Your - 04/17 through 04/20

**Importance:** High

Good afternoon Hayley,

Yes, April 17<sup>th</sup> still works for us! Even with it being a couple of months out, is there a 30-minute timeframe on the 17<sup>th</sup> the Administrator can work within? Dates we'll be in DC (total) are April 16<sup>th</sup> (fly-in) through April 20<sup>th</sup> (fly-out)...

Thank you,

Tasha Duncan

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**From:** Ford, Hayley [<mailto:ford.hayley@epa.gov>]

**Sent:** Tuesday, February 13, 2018 2:28 PM

**To:** Tasha Duncan <[Tasha.Duncan@okfb.org](mailto:Tasha.Duncan@okfb.org)>

**Subject:** RE: 2018 Oklahoma Farm Bureau Congressional Action Your - 04/17 through 04/20

Hello Tasha,

Can you confirm the dates that your group is coming to DC and the times you'd be available for a 30 minute event at EPA? I know you mentioned April 17<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup> so just want to confirm if you'd decided. As of now, the Administrator will likely be out of town April 19 and is slated to be here on April 17. I'd be happy to soft confirm a time on April 17<sup>th</sup> now, but being over 2 months away, we'd then want to reconnect as it gets closer to confirm his plans haven't changed. Unfortunately his schedule moves around so much that it's tough to predict too far ahead of time.

Let me know how it currently stands. Thanks!

***Hayley Ford***

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**Sent:** Thursday, February 1, 2018 3:18 PM

**To:** Ford, Hayley <[ford.hayley@epa.gov](mailto:ford.hayley@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: 2018 Oklahoma Farm Bureau Congressional Action Your - 04/17 through 04/20

**Importance:** High

Hayley,

Okay, thank you so much! Looks like we may be moving to having Tuesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> be a bit better option (than Thursday the 19<sup>th</sup>), depending on what Sonny Perdue's (USDA) schedule looks like! Please let us know as soon as possible, as we would like to nail down our agenda, so we can secure hotels and flights!

Thanks again,

Tasha Duncan

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**From:** Ford, Hayley [<mailto:ford.hayley@epa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 01, 2018 12:07 PM  
**To:** Tasha Duncan <[Tasha.Duncan@okfb.org](mailto:Tasha.Duncan@okfb.org)>  
**Subject:** RE: 2018 Oklahoma Farm Bureau Congressional Action Your - 04/17 through 04/20

Thank you for sending Tasha! We have a few event requests for around this date and we are still finalizing if we will be in town or traveling. We will look to finalize our plans in the coming weeks and will reach back out to you when we do.

Thank you for the request!

*Hayley Ford*

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**Cc:** Hupp, Millan <[hupp.millan@epa.gov](mailto:hupp.millan@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: 2018 Oklahoma Farm Bureau Congressional Action Your - 04/17 through 04/20  
**Importance:** High

Good morning Kelly & Hayley,

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Thank you,

Tasha Duncan

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Tasha -

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If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to email me or call me at Ex. 6.

Thank you,

Kelly

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# ADMINISTRATOR SCOTT PRUITT EVENT REQUEST FORM

## U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

**Deadline for Acceptance:** Friday, March 2

**Requesting Individual / Affiliation:** EPA Briefing from Scott Pruitt

**Event Title:** 2018 Oklahoma Farm Bureau Congressional Action Tour

**Event Date:** Thursday, April 19

**Is the Above Date Flexible:** Possibly, but Thursday is definitely our preference right now

**Event Time & Duration:** Anytime – 30 Minutes to 1 Hour

**Type of Event:** Briefing – Theater Style Seating

**Purpose of the Event:** EPA Update

**Role of the Administrator:** Speaking Engagement

**Requested Presentation Topic, if Speaking Involved:** EPA Update

**Requested Presentation Format:** Keynote followed by short Q&A

**Speech/Presentation Duration:** 30 Minutes to 1 Hour

**Would You Consider a Surrogate:** Possibly, but our members definitely prefer Pruitt

**Event Location:** EPA

**Event Audience:** 35-45 Oklahoma Farm Bureau members (farmers & ranchers)

**Event Host(s)/Organizer(s):** ?

**Host(s)' Relationship to EPA:** ?

**Run of Show/ Agenda:** n/a

**Is there a Hold Room Available for the Administrator?** n/a

**Open Press/Closed Press?** Only OFB communications team will be in attendance

**Dress Code:** Business Casual

**Teleprompter Available:** n/a



## ADMINISTRATOR SCOTT PRUITT EVENT REQUEST FORM U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Microphone / Room Setup:	<i>Probably mic &amp; podium set up, but whatever EPA can provide &amp; Pruitt prefers</i>
Honorable Guests Attending:	<i>OFB President Rodd Moesel</i>
Notable Federal, State or Local Appointed or Elected officials attending:	<i>n/a</i>
Individual Introducing Administrator:	<i>Probably LeeAnna McNally</i>
Person to contact for media purposes:	<i>Dustin Mielke, OFB Communications – Ex. 6</i>
Is this event held Weekly, Monthly, Annually?	<i>Annually</i>
Day of Event Point of Contact:	<i>Tasha Duncan – Ex. 6 or LeeAnna McNally – Ex. 6</i>
Security Contact:	<i>EPA Security</i>
Suggested Entrance/ Exit to Event Venue:	<i>EPA</i>
Is the host of the event a registered 501(c)(3), (4), or has a 527 Political Action Committee (PAC):	<i>?</i>
Will there be a “gift” presented to the Administrator? If so, what is the US currency value of the gift?	<i>Not that I’m aware of; n/a</i>
Will a meal be provided, if so what is the US currency value?	<i>No; n/a</i>

*Please return this completed form to Hayley Ford at [ford.hayley@epa.gov](mailto:ford.hayley@epa.gov)*



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**Subject:** RE: Meeting w/ Administrator Pruitt

Of course. See below for directions. When you have a complete list of those attending from your group (you mentioned 10 in total), can you send along to me so I can share with the group? Thank you and we'll see you then!

**Directions to EPA**

We are located at 1200 Pennsylvania Ave NW, directly above the Federal Triangle metro station. Please arrive to the North building lobby approximately 10 minutes prior to your meeting time to allow time for security. If being dropped off, the best drop-off point is on the west side of 12th St NW, halfway between Pennsylvania and Constitution Ave, directly across from the Starbucks in the Trump Hotel. Please walk towards the EPA and metro entrance. The North building is to your right. When you enter the lobby, please give them **Stephen Gordon's** name and they will let him know when you arrive. You will need to show ID and go through security.

***Hayley Ford***

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**From:** Roy Lee Lindsey [mailto:RLlindsey@OKPORK.ORG]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 19, 2018 9:22 PM  
**To:** Ford, Hayley <[ford.hayley@epa.gov](mailto:ford.hayley@epa.gov)>  
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**Subject:** Re: Meeting w/ Administrator Pruitt

That will be perfect. Thanks for your help.

Please send me any special instructions for accessing your building for the meeting.

Thanks again.

Roy Lee

Roy Lee Lindsey  
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Executive Director  
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901 N Lincoln, STE 380  
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Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 19, 2018, at 3:22 PM, Ford, Hayley <[ford.hayley@epa.gov](mailto:ford.hayley@epa.gov)> wrote:

Hi Roy Lee,

Apologies for the delay on this. I've copied here Steve Cook, who is a Deputy Assistant Administrator in our Office of Land and Emergency Management. Steve would be happy to take this meeting with your groups and then hopefully the Administrator can join for 10-15 minutes or so pending his schedule. We will also likely have a few more staff in this meeting, including members of our Office of Public Engagement, also CC'ed here.

Should we say a 9:30AM meeting on Thursday, April 12? Would that work for your group and Steve, would that work for you? I can send you arrival details when we nail down a time.

Thanks!

***Hayley Ford***

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**From:** Roy Lee Lindsey [<mailto:RLlindsey@OKPORK.ORG>]

**Sent:** Tuesday, March 13, 2018 5:17 PM

**To:** Ford, Hayley <[ford.hayley@epa.gov](mailto:ford.hayley@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** Re: Meeting w/ Administrator Pruitt

That would be great. Thanks!!

Roy Lee

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**Subject:** Thank You For Making Legislative Day 2018 a Success!

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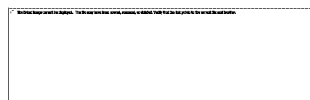
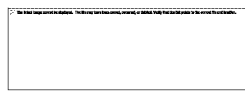
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Thank you to those who visited with your Senate and Congressional offices on Tuesday. If you have not already done so, please take a moment and **email Andrew Bray**, NPMA's VP of Public Policy, with any important information related to your Hill visits during Legislative Day.

Thank you again for your participation at this year's event! Mark your calendars for Legislative Day 2019, February 24-26 in Washington, D.C.

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Should we say a 9:30AM meeting on Thursday, April 12? Would that work for your group and Steve, would that work for you? I can send you arrival details when we nail down a time.

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Tasha,

The "Building Access" tab on the "[Visiting EPA Headquarters](#)" site outlines further information on ID requirements. Per the [DHS website](#) linked to from that page, it appears Oklahoma is not REAL ID compliant, but has an extension before they would not be accepted for entry.

---Hema.

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Good afternoon Hema,

I noticed on the visitor entry procedures, EPA requires real ID act compliant identification... isn't Oklahoma identification non-compliant, as of right now?

Thank you,

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Good morning Hema,

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Good afternoon Hayley,

Any word on this scheduling change by chance? 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 19 is definitely our preference... Just wanting to get everything ironed out before this weekend, if possible!

Thank you,

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Yes, senior staff will still work just fine for us; sorry to not see Administrator Pruitt though! If it's no skin off your back, 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 19 would in fact work better for us; but I understand, if it needs to remain on Tuesday, April 17... Please let me know, at your earliest convenience!

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- Jim Meek
- Glenda Meek
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Thank you for the request!

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**To:** Kunderer, Kelly <[kunderer.kelly@epa.gov](mailto:kunderer.kelly@epa.gov)>; Ford, Hayley <[ford.hayley@epa.gov](mailto:ford.hayley@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Hupp, Millan <[hupp.millan@epa.gov](mailto:hupp.millan@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: 2018 Oklahoma Farm Bureau Congressional Action Your - 04/17 through 04/20  
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Good morning Kelly & Hayley,

Please see the attached request document & let me know if and when you know something! I look forward to hearing from you!

Thank you,

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Tasha -

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If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to email me or call me at Ex. 6

Thank you,

Kelly

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**Sent:** 3/23/2018 1:53:46 PM  
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Hi Tasha,

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Also I wanted to let you know that Administrator Pruitt will now be out of the office April 16-19 on travel. We are still happy to host you at the EPA with senior staff if it works for your schedule!

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**Sent:** 3/15/2018 1:26:02 PM  
**To:** Kundinger, Kelly [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=e3c9a5d16e2244079e222f342bf9992f-Kundinger,]  
**CC:** Byers, Dan [DByers@USChamber.com]; Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]; Daniell, Kelsi [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=cd867173479344b3bda202b3004ff830-Daniell, Ke]  
**Subject:** RE: Administrator Pruitt Invitation to speak at April 13th Global Energy Institute Leadership Council Meeting

Hi Kelly,

This is great news! 8:30 AM works on our end. We typically begin serving breakfast 30 minutes before the program begins, so the serving of breakfast/registration will begin at 8:00 AM, with programming beginning at 8:30 AM. Let me know if there are any issues with this.

We plan to send out a save the date today, which I will send to you shortly.

We are looking forward to this. Thanks again, Kelly.

Best,

Kara

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**From:** Kundinger, Kelly [mailto:kundinger.kelly@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 14, 2018 6:11 PM  
**To:** Conrad, Kara <KConrad@USChamber.com>  
**Cc:** Byers, Dan <DByers@USChamber.com>; Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>; Daniell, Kelsi <daniell.kelsi@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Administrator Pruitt Invitation to speak at April 13th Global Energy Institute Leadership Council Meeting

Hi Kara & Dan –

Thank you for following up. It was great talking with both of you last week. I want to follow up on our conversation to confirm Administrator Pruitt's attendance as a guest speaker on Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup>. Is it possible to schedule his speaking engagement during a breakfast that morning, perhaps beginning around 8:30?

If you plan to promote his attendance on any medium, we kindly ask that you send it to us for review before distributing.

I look forward to working with you as we prepare for this event.

Best,

Kelly

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**From:** Conrad, Kara [mailto:KConrad@USChamber.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 8, 2018 4:44 PM  
**To:** Kundinger, Kelly <kundinger.kelly@epa.gov>

**Cc:** Byers, Dan <[DByers@USChamber.com](mailto:DByers@USChamber.com)>

**Subject:** RE: Administrator Pruitt Invitation to speak at April 13th Global Energy Institute Leadership Council Meeting

Hi Kelly,

We were able to talk to Karen, and she would like to emphasize that no one can enter the building that is not authorized to attend the meeting, and it is not an open meeting nor a public meeting. We can provide the security detail a list of attendees in advance also. We will also be able to work with the email constraints, but hope we can share with via email at least a few days in advance.

Thanks again for making the time to chat today! We look forward to hearing more from you all soon.

Best,

Kara

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**From:** Kunding, Kelly [<mailto:kunding.kelly@epa.gov>]

**Sent:** Wednesday, March 7, 2018 3:20 PM

**To:** Conrad, Kara <[KConrad@USChamber.com](mailto:KConrad@USChamber.com)>

**Cc:** Byers, Dan <[DByers@USChamber.com](mailto:DByers@USChamber.com)>

**Subject:** RE: Administrator Pruitt Invitation to speak at April 13th Global Energy Institute Leadership Council Meeting

That would be great. Thank you. I look forward to talking with you tomorrow afternoon.

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**Sent:** Wednesday, March 7, 2018 3:19 PM

**To:** Kunding, Kelly <[kunding.kelly@epa.gov](mailto:kunding.kelly@epa.gov)>

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Hi Kelly,

That time works on our end. Would you like us to call you at Ex. 6?

Best,

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Kara –

Are you available for a call at 4:00 tomorrow afternoon?

Thanks,

Kelly

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Hi Kelly,

Unfortunately, I will be out of the office on Friday. Would you be available tomorrow or Monday? If not, my colleague Dan Byers is available at 10:00 am on Friday. Just let me know what works best for you.

Thank you!

Kara

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**From:** Kunding, Kelly [<mailto:kunding.kelly@epa.gov>]

**Sent:** Wednesday, March 7, 2018 2:50 PM

**To:** Conrad, Kara <[KConrad@USChamber.com](mailto:KConrad@USChamber.com)>

**Cc:** Byers, Dan <[DByers@USChamber.com](mailto:DByers@USChamber.com)>

**Subject:** Re: Administrator Pruitt Invitation to speak at April 13th Global Energy Institute Leadership Council Meeting

Hi Kara -

Thank you for checking in. Are you available for a phone call on Friday morning at 10:00 to discuss your event further? If so, please let me know the best number to reach you.

Thank you,

Kelly

On Mar 7, 2018, at 2:37 PM, Conrad, Kara <[KConrad@USChamber.com](mailto:KConrad@USChamber.com)> wrote:

Hi Kelly,

I hope your week is going well! I just wanted to check in with you to see if there are any updates on Administrator Pruitt's availability to attend the U.S. Chamber's Global Energy Institute Leadership Council on April 13th.

Please let me know if you need any other details or further information. I look forward to hearing from you.

Best,

Kara

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**Sent:** Tuesday, February 27, 2018 1:43 PM

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**Subject:** FW: Administrator Pruitt Invitation to speak at April 13th Global Energy Institute Leadership Council Meeting

Hi Kelly,

As requested, you may find the completed Speaker Request Form attached. Please let me know if you need anything else!

Best,

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Associate Manager, Operations and Administration

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**To:** Byers, Dan

**Subject:** RE: Administrator Pruitt Invitation to speak at April 13th Global Energy Institute Leadership Council Meeting

Hi Dan –

My name is Kelly Kunding and I work in Administrator Pruitt's Office of Scheduling and Advance. Your correspondence with Liz and John regarding your upcoming Leadership Council meeting was forwarded to me.

We appreciate the invitation and are interested in learning more about this event. As such, would you mind completing the attached form and sending it back to me?

Thank you,

Kelly Kunding

Deputy Director of Scheduling and Advance

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Hayley - I will make the morning of April 12th work

Steven

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**Cc:** Beck, Nancy <Beck.Nancy@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Gowan Group of Companies

Hi Tate – I was in a meeting with you and Nancy several months ago on some specific issues related to pesticides and EPA decisions. I have also heard that Administrator Pruitt might be interested in talking directly with CEOs of companies about how EPA actions and policies directly impact our business. Gowan is unique as I believe we may be the only remaining 100% family owned basic registrant of pesticides in the U.S. Our headquarters is in Yuma, Arizona. Our company was started by Jon Jessen about 55 years ago. Today Jon remains active as the Chairman of the Board and his daughter Juli is our CEO. We have businesses that provide crop protection inputs (conventional and organic), seed (primarily vegetables), a pesticide manufacturing facility (in Yuma) and retail operations (Yuma, Imperial Valley and Salinas) with certified pest control advisors that walk fields and make recommendations for growers. A trip to Yuma would allow the Administrator to see our operations and talk with our CEO but also because this happens to be one of the most active seasons in ag production in Yuma so he could also see those operations. A large percentage of winter vegetables (lettuce, broccoli, cauliflower, etc.) are grown in Yuma. So if you are eating a salad this time of year –the lettuce was very likely grown in Yuma. We would greatly welcome the opportunity for the Administrator to visit Yuma to see agricultural production and to talk with our CEO and other family members directly involved in our businesses. I know Administrator Pruitt is very busy and I am sure he gets lots of requests to visit locations –but if he can work this in to any of his travel plans, we would be honored to showcase our community, the agriculture and our business so he can get some first-hand knowledge of how EPA actions impact a family owned business and a community in rural America. The winter vegetable production will start winding down in March so there is a window of opportunity if it works with his schedule to come to Yuma sometime in the next 6-8 weeks. If that doesn't work we would be happy to come to his office with our CEO and talk with him as well. We really appreciate the consideration for our request and please let me know if you would like any additional information. Thanks Cindy

Cindy Smith  
Agricultural Relations Director  
Gowan



## ***Meeting Request Form for Administrator Scott Pruitt***

**Today's Date:**

**Meeting Date:**

**Meeting Time:**

**Requested Location (if offsite, please list address, parking instructions, etc.):**

**Requestor:**

**Purpose of the Meeting:**

**Background on the Meeting:**

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**Point of Contact:**

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**Sent:** 2/28/2018 10:13:43 PM  
**To:** Lizzy Mullins [lmullins@pestworld.org]  
**Subject:** Re: Speaker agreement

Will do

On Feb 28, 2018, at 2:37 PM, Lizzy Mullins <[lmullins@pestworld.org](mailto:lmullins@pestworld.org)> wrote:

Hi Tate,  
Attached is the speaker agreement for the upcoming 2018 Legislative Day for you to review and fill out. Can you please send it back along with your speaker bio, speaker headshot, and other required information listed within the agreement? Let me know if you have any questions and look forward to seeing you in a few weeks.

Thank you,

***Lizzy***

Elizabeth Mullins, CMP  
Meetings & Exhibits Coordinator

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**Sent:** 2/28/2018 9:48:23 PM  
**To:** Knakmuhs, Heath [hknakmuhs@USChamber.com]  
**Subject:** Re: Arkansas

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On Feb 28, 2018, at 4:09 PM, Knakmuhs, Heath <hknakmuhs@USChamber.com> wrote:

Hi Tate –

Just circling back on this, as I never heard from you late last week.

I'm in the office the rest of this week, but will be out of the country all of next week.

Best –

Heath

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**Sent:** 3/5/2018 11:04:43 PM  
**To:** Leah Pilconis [pilconisl@agc.org]  
**CC:** Jimmy Christianson [christiansonj@agc.org]  
**Subject:** RE: AGC of America - Infrastructure / USACE Areas Need Improvement

Thanks! This is very helpful and I appreciate the quick turnaround.

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**From:** Leah Pilconis [mailto:pilconisl@agc.org]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 5, 2018 5:48 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Jimmy Christianson <christiansonj@agc.org>  
**Subject:** AGC of America - Infrastructure / USACE Areas Need Improvement

Tate –

Thanks again for asking AGC for input. Please let me know if you have any questions or would like additional information. Have a great evening!

Take care,

Leah

From the Associated General Contractors of America – following are four (4) top areas within the Army Corps' program that need to be improved, in order to speed up the delivery of critical infrastructure work ...

1. **CONCURRENTLY PROCESS RHA 408 AND CWA 404:** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) should concurrently process the River and Harbors Act (RHA) Section 408 permission and the Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 404 permit on all infrastructure projects, where both are applicable.
  - **Problem:** Construction projects are being delayed because of Section 408 burdens. The Corps will not even begin to process many CWA Section 404 Nationwide and individual permits until the 408 permission is granted. This means that delay on the RHA Section 408 side puts off the CWA Section 404 review process and further delays construction. And, many of the reviews required under RHA Section 408 may be reviewed, yet again, under the CWA Section 404 process.
2. **LIMIT JOINT ADMINISTRATION OF 404 PROGRAM:** Congress should grant the Corps greater authority to run the CWA 404 permit program – see **NOTE #1** for a detailed description of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) role in the 404 program.
  - **Problem:** Currently, project proponents face inconsistencies and uncertainty because of their overarching fear that they will not be able to rely on Jurisdictional Determinations (JDs) and Section 404 permits received from the Corps. What is more, they face the continuing question whether EPA will also get involved in the permit process or disagree with the Corps' decision-making *after* the permit is duly issued, and relied upon by the project proponents.

[NOTE 1 - The Corps has responsibility for running the day-to-day permitting under Section 404 of the CWA. In its supporting role, EPA develops and interprets environmental criteria for evaluating permit applications; has final authority to determine the scope of geographic jurisdiction; approves and oversees state assumption; identifies activities that are exempt from permitting; reviews and comments on individual permits; has authority to prohibit, deny or restrict the use of any defined area as a disposal site (CWA

Section 404(c)); can elevate specific proposed Corps permits (CWA Section 404(q)); and enforces Section 404 provisions. In addition, EPA and the Corps are standing members of the mitigation banking Interagency Review Teams (IRT), an interagency group of federal, tribal, state, and/or local regulatory and resource agency representatives that reviews documentation for, and advises the district engineer on, the establishment and management of a mitigation bank or an in-lieu fee programs.]

**3. INCENTIVIZE PROJECT COMPLETION: Congress must separate project funds from Corps salaries and provide incentives for Corps staff to meet and exceed project delivery benchmarks.**

- **Problem:** Corps project staff salaries are currently paid through project funds. When the project ends, so too may Corps staff employment (or at a minimum, they may have to move to the next Corps' project in a less desirable location). As a result, there is little incentive for these Corps employees to deliver a project on time and on budget, let alone underbudget and ahead of schedule.

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- **Problem:** Construction projects are subject to a wide array of variables that may require USACE to alter its initial plans through a change order. Consequently, reasonable delays and changes may be required to meet conditions on the ground. The concern is not with reasonable delays and changes to the initial contract. Rather, the problem rests with USACE failing to execute change orders and make payment to contractors for months—and even years—at a time. Unsurprisingly, this delay causes serious harm to the project schedule and has a deleterious impact upon payment to the prime and subcontractors, especially small businesses, which depend upon that cash flow to remain in business. (See page 60 of [this USACE Contract Administration Document](#) to see a chart that epitomizes the problem with USACE project delivery and this issue).

**Leah F. Pilconis**

***Senior Counsel, Environmental Law & Policy***

The Associated General Contractors of America -- 2300 Wilson Blvd., Suite 300, Arlington, VA 22201

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Have a good evening.

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**Sent:** 1/22/2018 8:29:54 PM  
**To:** Marla Peek [Marla.Peek@okfb.org]  
**Subject:** RE: email distribution list for state Farm Bureau staff

Yes Mam! Happy to add you.

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**From:** Marla Peek [mailto:Marla.Peek@okfb.org]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 22, 2018 2:29 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** email distribution list for state Farm Bureau staff

*Hi Elizabeth,*

*Would you please add me to your email list? I do the bulk of the regulatory affairs stuff here at OKFB.*

*Thanks!*

*Marla*

Marla R. Peek  
Director of Regulatory Affairs  
Oklahoma Farm Bureau  
2501 N. Stiles Ave.  
Oklahoma City, OK 73105  
405-523-2437 office  
Ex. 6 cell  
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**Sent:** 7/19/2018 2:13:05 PM  
**To:** Kathy Bergren [Bergren@ncga.com]  
**Subject:** RE: Dicamba

That's great. Hopefully your Minnesota guys were included. Jeff and I were trying to get something on the books for them but it proved to be too difficult with schedules this trip.

-----Original Message-----

From: Kathy Bergren [mailto:Bergren@ncga.com]  
Sent: Thursday, July 19, 2018 10:05 AM  
To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>  
Subject: Re: Dicamba

Hi, Tate. I asked Colleen to reach out, so hopefully that works. And, FYI, was asked to join some of our states at EPA later this morning. They had scheduled a meeting with Bill Wehrum on RVP and asked me to join them.

Sent from my iPhone

> On Jul 18, 2018, at 7:19 PM, Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov> wrote:

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**Sent:** 1/6/2018 1:38:33 PM  
**To:** Jim Fredericks [jfredericks@pestworld.org]  
**CC:** Gordon, Stephen [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=7c8fb4d82bff4eec98f5c5d00a47f554-Gordon, Ste]; Tanner, Lee [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=153d1b6b96fa4681a06c2868d5f8d691-Lee Tanner]  
**Subject:** Re: Invitation to Speak At NPMA Legislative Day March 19, 2018

Thanks! Stephen and Lee (CC'd) will want to join if they are available.

On Jan 6, 2018, at 7:28 AM, Jim Fredericks <jfredericks@pestworld.org> wrote:

Tate, that's great news. Thanks for agreeing to be involved. We will provide some additional information as we draw closer to the date.  
Let me know if anyone else from your team is interested in attending and we will ensure they are registered for the meeting.

Thanks!  
Jim

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**From:** Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 5, 2018 1:49 PM  
**To:** Jim Fredericks <jfredericks@pestworld.org>  
**Cc:** Gordon, Stephen <gordon.stephen@epa.gov>; Tanner, Lee <Tanner.Lee@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Invitation to Speak At NPMA Legislative Day March 19, 2018

Thank you. I'd be happy to participate. Just keep me posted should things change as the date gets closer! Much appreciated.

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**From:** Jim Fredericks [mailto:jfredericks@pestworld.org]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 3, 2018 12:53 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Invitation to Speak At NPMA Legislative Day March 19, 2018

Tate,  
We would love to have you participate. We do not issue press passes for our events, though the public can register (albeit at non-member rates).  
Looking forward to hearing from you.  
Jim

----- Original message -----

**From:** "Bennett, Tate" <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>  
**Date:** 1/3/18 11:24 AM (GMT-05:00)  
**To:** Jim Fredericks <jfredericks@pestworld.org>  
**Subject:** RE: Invitation to Speak At NPMA Legislative Day March 19, 2018

Hi Jim-



I'm honored to receive this invitation. Let me double check with our ethics official and get back to you. I am currently free that morning.

One quick question- is it open to the press?

Will circle back soon. Stay warm!

Tate

Elizabeth Tate Bennett  
Associate Administrator for Public Engagement & Environmental Education  
Office of the Administrator  
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(202) 564-1460  
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**Sent:** Wednesday, January 3, 2018 10:04 AM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Invitation to Speak At NPMA Legislative Day March 19, 2018

Dear Tate,

Thanks again for taking the time to meet with the NPMA team and our members in December. I hope you enjoyed the holiday season.

As we mentioned during our meeting, the National Pest Management Association is holding its annual Legislative Day Meeting on March 19, 2018. This conference typically draws about 400 owners and executives from pest management firms nationwide and will be held at the Capital Hilton, in Washington DC. It is designed to provide an opportunity for our members to meet directly with members of congress to speak about issues which concern their businesses. One of the topics that we are interested in learning more about is how Federal regulatory reform efforts will impact the structural pest management industry.

I am writing to invite you to participate in a panel discussion on March 19<sup>th</sup> from 9:15-10:15 AM, titled:

***The Impact of Pesticide Regulatory Reform on Structural Pest Management Industry***

*In March 2017, EPA Administrator Pruitt issued a memorandum establishing the EPA Regulatory Reform Task Force in response to President Trump's Executive Order 13771: Enforcing the Regulatory Reform Agenda, which is designed to reduce the regulatory burdens agencies place on the American people. Since then, EPA has held public meetings and invited written and verbal comment from stakeholders who are directly impacted. Concurrently, NPMA has begun working on its Pesticide Regulatory Reform Agenda focusing on overcoming challenges that directly impact the pest management industry. In this session, learn what EPA and Industry are doing to work together to find solutions.*

We are also inviting Ray Starling, and Rick Keigwin. Thanks and I look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience,

-Jim

**Jim Fredericks, Ph.D.**

Vice President, Technical and Regulatory Affairs, National Pest Management Association  
Executive Director, Pest Management Foundation  
10460 North Street Fairfax, VA 22030

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

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Wildlife Expo | January 30-February 1 | New Orleans, LA

Southern Regional Conference | February 5-7 | Memphis, TN

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**Subject:** Friday

Hey Brooks- apologies but we won't be able to accommodate a visit this late in the game on Friday, but maybe another time. Your folks are welcome to attend the larger event at Couser Farms in Nevada IF they RSVP to Stephen at [Gordon.Stephen@epa.gov](mailto:Gordon.Stephen@epa.gov) and provide ID/ Business Cards/ Company names. Info below:

Farmer Town Hall with EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt

Friday, December 1, 2017

1:00 P.M. (Arrive no later than 12:45 P.M.)

Bill Couser Farm  
20243 620th Ave  
Nevada, Iowa

Elizabeth Tate Bennett  
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**Sent:** 12/17/2017 1:43:03 AM  
**To:** Kathy Bergren [Bergren@ncga.com]  
**Subject:** Re: Hi there!

Thank you!

> On Dec 12, 2017, at 10:22 AM, Kathy Bergren <Bergren@ncga.com> wrote:  
>  
> Good timing on Friday -- nice to see you! Very exciting news too, hope everything is going well.  
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> We're at 103 15th Street SE, DC 20003  
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> Have a good week!  
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> -----Original Message-----  
> From: Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]  
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**To:** Al\_Collins@oxy.com  
**Subject:** RE: Checking in

Hopefully not the only thing or it will be a rough 2018. I'm here next week as well if you have any availability .

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To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>  
Subject: RE: Checking in

Deal! Maybe after Christmas and that will give me something to look forward to.

-----Original Message-----

From: Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]  
Sent: Thursday, December 07, 2017 2:27 PM  
To: Collins, Al <Al\_Collins@oxy.com>  
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**Sent:** 10/30/2017 10:44:15 PM  
**To:** bkovacs@uschamber.com  
**Subject:** NODA announcement tomorrow AM

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**Subject:** Re: URGENT: The latest info on CERCLA/EPCRA reporting requirements for farms

Thanks. Mike sent an email directly to Reggie. Oye. My mistake I guess.

On Nov 9, 2017, at 2:44 PM, Christian Richter <[crichter@thepolicygroup.com](mailto:crichter@thepolicygroup.com)> wrote:

I removed

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**From:** Bennett, Tate <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 9, 2017 2:39:51 PM  
**To:** Christian Richter  
**Subject:** Re: URGENT: The latest info on CERCLA/EPCRA reporting requirements for farms

Maybe remove all email addresses first?

On Nov 9, 2017, at 2:20 PM, Christian Richter <[crichter@thepolicygroup.com](mailto:crichter@thepolicygroup.com)> wrote:

We will circulate this as well. Thank you.

Best,

Christian

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**From:** Bennett, Tate <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 9, 2017 2:02:52 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate  
**Subject:** Fwd: URGENT: The latest info on CERCLA/EPCRA reporting requirements for farms

FYI we will move to a email process for reporting requirements. The latest below.

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Cheatham, Reggie" <[cheatham.reggie@epa.gov](mailto:cheatham.reggie@epa.gov)>  
**Date:** November 9, 2017 at 1:49:10 PM EST  
**To:** "Lewis, Jen" <[Lewis.Jen@epa.gov](mailto:Lewis.Jen@epa.gov)>, "Simon, Nigel" <[Simon.Nigel@epa.gov](mailto:Simon.Nigel@epa.gov)>, "Breen, Barry"

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I want to provide the latest information on our efforts to assist farmers to comply with CERCLA/EPCRA reporting requirements. As you are aware, we recently provided a [website](#) for farmers who, on November 15<sup>th</sup>, may have to report their air releases from animal waste on their farms. This website provides guidance for farmers on how to estimate their releases from animal waste and how to report those releases if they meet or exceed the reportable quantity for that release. Prior to and since the release of this guidance, we have been working closely with the Ag community (including Ag Trade Association, Regional/State Ag Advisors, etc.), to make them aware of this guidance, get feedback, and identify issues.

Several issues that have arisen relate to the initial notification to the National Response Center (NRC). First, there is the potential for the NRC to be overwhelmed with calls on November 15<sup>th</sup> due to the number of farm owners/operators that will need to report. Second, some farm owners/operators have begun reporting to the NRC. The automated system the NRC uses to ensure release notifications get to the appropriate Federal, State, and local response officials, has resulted in some State and local officials calling the farm owners/operators to get more information about the release they reported and what response is needed. In order to resolve these issues, we (OEM and OGC) have been working with the NRC program officials and attorneys, and have identified the following solution:

- \* The NRC will establish an email notification system so farm owners/operators can email their continuous release reports to the NRC

rather than calling the NRC 800 number. Farmers who have multiple farms can list the name and location of all farms, as well as the associated name(s) of hazardous substance(s) released, in one e-mail.

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We are working to have this system in place by Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> or sooner if possible. We will be revising have updated our website and guidance to communicate this streamlined reporting option for farmers:

*"Due to the potential for large call volumes to the National Response Center (NRC), we are establishing an email option for initial continuous release notifications. The system should be available by November 15, 2017. Farm owners/operators should consider using*

*the email option once it is available. This expedited option will allow one email notification for owners/operators with multiple farms."*

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Thanks

Reggie Cheatham, Director  
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**BCC:** Kovacs, William (WKovacs@USChamber.com) [WKovacs@USChamber.com]  
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**Subject:** Re: Hello Tate - might we connect at 11 am tomorrow?

Thank you!

On Nov 7, 2017, at 7:40 PM, Jennings, Kim <[Jennings.Kim@epa.gov](mailto:Jennings.Kim@epa.gov)> wrote:

Yes, that works for me. Thanks for forwarding Tate, I was just going to contact Christian.

Christian I am assuming you will invite the usual folks? We can use this call-in number **Ex. 6** **Ex. 6** and code: **Ex. 6** I will send out a meeting notice to all in the morning.

Thanks,  
Kim

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Best regards,

Christian

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**Sent:** 9/28/2017 6:51:57 PM  
**To:** Kathy Bergren [Bergren@ncga.com]  
**CC:** Dominguez, Alexander [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=5ced433b4ef54171864ed98a36cb7a5f-Dominguez,]  
**Subject:** Re: EPA's NODA on the RVO and Proposals on RIN Regulatory Changes - NCGA

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Kathy

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**Sent:** Thursday, September 28, 2017 2:07 PM  
**To:** '[gunasekara.mandy@epa.gov](mailto:gunasekara.mandy@epa.gov)' <[gunasekara.mandy@epa.gov](mailto:gunasekara.mandy@epa.gov)>  
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Thank you for your time,  
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**Sent:** 7/3/2018 7:54:12 PM  
**To:** Subramanian, Hema [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=65e089600e8b4724a2e85997849bd208-Subramanian, Hema]; crichter@thepolicygroup.com [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=21ced5babfe3470ea063324eeaf776ce-crichter@thepolicygroup.com]  
**Subject:** RE: Follow up and details for National Turkey Federation Washington meeting, Monday, July 9 @ 130 - 200 pm ET | Washington Court Hotel

See you soon.

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**From:** Subramanian, Hema  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 3, 2018 2:44 PM  
**To:** crichter@thepolicygroup.com  
**Cc:** Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Follow up and details for National Turkey Federation Washington meeting, Monday, July 9 @ 130 - 200 pm ET | Washington Court Hotel

Thanks Christian, looping in Tate

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Hema Subramanian  
Acting Special Assistant for Agriculture Policy  
Office of the Administrator  
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Washington, DC  
office: (202) 564-5041

On Jul 3, 2018, at 2:06 PM, Christian Richter <[crichter@thepolicygroup.com](mailto:crichter@thepolicygroup.com)> wrote:

Hello Hema:

I wanted to follow up from our earlier discussion on having you and colleagues over to the National Turkey Federation meeting next Monday in Washington.

The meeting is set for 1:30 - 2:00 pm ET at the Washington Court Hotel in Ballroom 1. The group will be NTF board leadership during their formal meeting that afternoon, and the topics will include industry perspectives on RFS, WOTUS and related matters.

If you need anything else in the meantime, please let me know.

Best regards,

Christian Richter

*National Turkey Federation*

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**Sent:** 9/27/2017 1:15:24 PM  
**To:** Leah Pilconis [pilconisl@agc.org]  
**CC:** Gordon, Stephen [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=7c8fb4d82bff4eec98f5c5d00a47f554-Gordon, Ste]  
**Subject:** RE: AGC Quote for EPA release (Sue and Settle)

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**Sent:** Tuesday, September 26, 2017 5:47 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** AGC Quote for EPA release (Sue and Settle)

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Best regards,

Leah

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**Sent:** Tuesday, September 26, 2017 4:25 PM  
**To:** Leah Pilconis <[pilconisl@agc.org](mailto:pilconisl@agc.org)>  
**Subject:** Re: Thank yous

Either works! Was thinking for our press release.

> On Sep 26, 2017, at 4:05 PM, Leah Pilconis <[pilconisl@agc.org](mailto:pilconisl@agc.org)> wrote:

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> Yes, I will get you all of those addresses. It might not be until tomorrow, though.

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> Regarding the Sue and Settle announcement, just to clarify, do you  
> want a quote from AGC that you, EPA, can include in what the agency  
> sends out? Or do you want AGC to have a statement of support ready to  
> send out to the press At the same time that EPA makes its  
> announcement? My press person has drafted an AGC statement of  
> support... With a quote from our CEO and the AGC president. (Not  
> exactly what I asked him to do.)  
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> Senior Counsel, Environmental Law & Policy Associated General  
> Contractors of America  
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> pilconisl@agc.org  
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> From: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>  
> Sent: Tuesday, September 26, 2017 3:26:56 PM  
> To: Leah Pilconis  
> Subject: Fwd: Thank yous  
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> Hey Leah! Do you have addresses for Mike and the other gentlemen he met with pre speech this morning?  
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> Begin forwarded message:  
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> From: "Ferguson, Lincoln"  
> <ferguson.lincoln@epa.govmailto:ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov>>  
> Date: September 26, 2017 at 3:24:58 PM EDT  
> To: "Bennett, Tate"  
> <Bennett.Tate@epa.govmailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>>  
> Subject: Thank yous  
>  
> Can you send me whatever contacts you received last night and this morning?  
>  
> Need address for Stephen and Mike from AGC and then Kermit and whoever else from last night.  
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> Thanks!  
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> Sent from my iPhone

Message

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**Sent:** 9/25/2017 6:15:57 PM  
**To:** Kovacs, William [WKovacs@USChamber.com]  
**Subject:** RE: Quick call?

Perfect! Thanks!

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From: Kovacs, William [mailto:WKovacs@USChamber.com]  
Sent: Monday, September 25, 2017 2:07 PM  
To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>  
Subject: RE: Quick call?

Two more names:

Brick Industry Association - Susan Miller Ex. 6 smiller@bia.org National Federation of Independent Business - Stephen Keen Ex. 6 steve.keen@nfib.org ( I am not sure Steve was the person we worked with but he can give you the correct person assuming that person is still at NFIB.)

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From: Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]  
Sent: Monday, September 25, 2017 1:31 PM  
To: Kovacs, William  
Subject: RE: Quick call?

Thank you!

-----Original Message-----

From: Kovacs, William [mailto:WKovacs@USChamber.com]  
Sent: Monday, September 25, 2017 1:25 PM  
To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>  
Subject: RE: Quick call?

Tate:

The person most helpful to us on sue and settle is William Yeatman at CEI contact info: William Yeatman (Wyeatman@cei.org) phone no. Ex. 6

Bill Kovacs  
Senior Vice President, Environment, Technology & Regulatory Affairs U.S. Chamber of Commerce  
1615 H Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20062-2000

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From: Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]  
Sent: Monday, September 25, 2017 12:25 PM  
To: Kovacs, William  
Subject: Re: Quick call?

Great. I'll try your desk at 1:15

> On Sep 25, 2017, at 12:21 PM, Kovacs, William <WKovacs@USChamber.com> wrote:

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> I am open between 1:15 and 3

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]

> Sent: Monday, September 25, 2017 12:13 PM

> To: Kovacs, William

> Subject: Quick call?

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> Hi Bill! Tate with EPA here. Brittany Bolen passed your name along. May I give you a shout today re sue and settle?



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**Sent:** 9/7/2017 9:02:41 PM  
**To:** Mike Jackson [mjackson@okstatechamber.com]  
**Subject:** RE: Linking you up r.e. 4:15 next Weds.

Maybe just your board?

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**From:** Mike Jackson [mailto:mjackson@okstatechamber.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 7, 2017 5:01 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Linking you up r.e. 4:15 next Weds.

What could you accommodate? We could bring some of our members as well.

## Mike Jackson

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**From:** Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 07, 2017 3:56 PM  
**To:** Mike Jackson <mjackson@okstatechamber.com>  
**Cc:** Ford, Hayley <ford.hayley@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Linking you up r.e. 4:15 next Weds.

One final question- do you have an attendee list?

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**From:** Mike Jackson [mailto:mjackson@okstatechamber.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 7, 2017 4:42 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Ford, Hayley <ford.hayley@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Linking you up r.e. 4:15 next Weds.

Hello Hayley looking forward to the opportunity.

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On Sep 7, 2017, at 3:35 PM, Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov> wrote:

Hayley, meet Mike with Oklahoma State Chamber. Hayley, do you have any building instructions you can pass along or maps?

Elizabeth Tate Bennett  
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**Sent:** 10/1/2017 1:50:01 PM  
**To:** Kathy Bergren [Bergren@ncga.com]  
**CC:** Dominguez, Alexander [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=5ced433b4ef54171864ed98a36cb7a5f-Dominguez,]  
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Thanks, Kathy, for letting us know where NCGA stands and we would certainly welcome your all's input on this and all future proposals (if any). -Tate

On Sep 29, 2017, at 8:51 AM, Kathy Bergren <[Bergren@ncga.com](mailto:Bergren@ncga.com)> wrote:

Thanks very much, Tate. Appreciate the "open door."

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Kathy

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**Subject:** RE: AGC Quote for EPA release (Sue and Settle)

Of course. This could potentially be the FOLLOWING week as well due to scheduling conflicts. I'll let you all know when we hear more.

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**From:** Leah Pilconis [mailto:pilconisl@agc.org]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 27, 2017 10:47 AM  
**To:** Brian Turmail <turmailb@agc.org>; Nahee Rosso <chon@agc.org>  
**Cc:** Gordon, Stephen <gordon.stephen@epa.gov>; Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>  
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See below --- EPA's Sue and Settle announcement will happen next week.

Tate/Stephen – If possible, please “reply to all” when that happens (or direct this request to the appropriate person) so my colleagues copied on this message (AGC's Brian Turmail and Nahee Rosso) know when to put out AGC's supporting statement.

Thank you.

**Leah F. Pilconis**

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**To:** Andy LaVigne [alavigne@betterseed.org]  
**CC:** Nitsch, Chad [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=d1d117eb89ff410fb6ccd21643b34447-CNitsch]; Jane DeMarchi [jdemarchi@betterseed.org]; Bethany Shively [bshively@betterseed.org]; Pat Miller [pmiller@betterseed.org]; Dewey, Amy [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=fc3a7e01b12f4aeba5d34b813df8112a-Dewey, Amy]  
**Subject:** Re: Thank you!

Hey there! Adding Amy to see if she can get something on the books with Bethany and Jane back home.

On Sep 11, 2017, at 10:58 PM, Andy LaVigne <[alavigne@betterseed.org](mailto:alavigne@betterseed.org)> wrote:

Tate/Chad,

It was great meeting you today and we appreciate you taking the time to let us introduce ASTA to you. I look forward to working with you and the rest of Administrator Pruitt's team in the future.

As we discussed, I am including Jane DeMarchi (ASTA VP, Government Affairs) and Bethany Shively (ASTA Director, Communications). I've asked them to forward to you electronically the documents we reviewed during our meeting. Let us know if there is anything we do for you.

Best regards,

Andy

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**Sent:** 8/5/2017 9:43:46 PM  
**To:** Mathews@ncga.com  
**Subject:** ND

Governor and Hoeven's folks are making it work!

Sent from my iPhone

Message

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**To:** Green Plains Inc. Devin Mogler [Devin.Mogler@gpreinc.com]  
**Subject:** Fwd: Speaking Invite - Growth Energy 2018 Biofuels Summit  
**Attachments:** GEBS Pruitt Letter.pdf; ATT00001.htm

Hey there-

Thanks for your time last week. Do you know if Growth does anything in DC fly-in-wise before September? For instance, a board meeting perhaps?

Tate

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Samantha Frith <SFrith@growthenergy.org>  
**Date:** June 27, 2018 at 2:43:41 PM CDT  
**To:** "morris.madeline@epa.gov" <morris.madeline@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** "Bennett.tate@epa.gov" <Bennett.tate@epa.gov>, "Gunasekara.Mandy@epa.gov" <Gunasekara.Mandy@epa.gov>, Chris Bliley <cbliley@growthenergy.org>, "John Fuher" <JFuher@growthenergy.org>  
**Subject:** Speaking Invite - Growth Energy 2018 Biofuels Summit

Hi Maddy,

I have attached a letter from our CEO, Emily Skor, inviting Administrator Pruitt to speak at our upcoming 2018 Biofuels Summit on September 11<sup>th</sup>. We will be hosting this year's summit at the Washington Court Hotel in Washington, DC. Please let me know if you have any questions or need any additional information. We appreciate yalls consideration of this request and look forward to hearing from you soon.

All the best,

Sam

Samantha Frith | Manager of Government Affairs & PAC

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**Sent:** 8/4/2017 1:22:25 PM  
**To:** Ethan Mathews [Mathews@ncga.com]  
**Subject:** Re: meetings with Administrator Pruitt

Ethan are your folks coming to the farm bureau meeting in Iowa? That might be the only way to make Iowa work.

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 4, 2017, at 4:42 AM, Ethan Mathews <[Mathews@ncga.com](mailto:Mathews@ncga.com)> wrote:

Awesome thank you. Understand y'all will be in ND next week as well and would like to see about involving North Dakota Corn Growers Association in that visit as well if possible.

Ethan Mathews

Director of Public Policy, NCGA

[Mathews@ncga.com](mailto:Mathews@ncga.com)

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On Aug 3, 2017, at 11:14 PM, Bennett, Tate <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)> wrote:

Hey! Let me see what we can do. Standby. Sorry-we've been traveling all week.

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 3, 2017, at 2:45 PM, Ethan Mathews <[Mathews@ncga.com](mailto:Mathews@ncga.com)> wrote:

Tate –

Hope your August is treating you well.

I would like to pass on a request from my counterparts at Iowa Corn Growers Association (ICGA) for a meeting with Administrator Pruitt during his visit to Iowa next Tuesday. Iowa Corn's Animal Agriculture and Environment Committee and Industrial Usage and Production Committee will be meeting that day at the ICGA offices located at 5505 NW 88<sup>th</sup> St Johnston, IA just 15 minutes away from the Iowa Farm Bureau offices. These committees work on issues related to WOTUS, water quality, conservation, livestock regulation, energy and ethanol, and farm production issues. Their schedule is flexible that day, and they could host the Administrator immediately following his meeting at the IFBF office, including over the lunch hour. They would also be available from 8-10 am as well if that suits his schedule. As for the focus of the meeting, we would welcome Administrator Pruitt to meet with our farmers (approximately 30) to discuss opportunities for regulatory reform that affects corn grower profitability.

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**Sent:** 7/21/2017 7:18:55 PM  
**To:** Burr, Jamie (EHS) [jamie.burr@tyson.com]  
**Subject:** RE: Thank you, Arkansas!

Thank you for sharing, Jamie! He has been beyond helpful. Was just working with him on something unrelated today.

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**From:** Burr, Jamie (EHS) [mailto:jamie.burr@tyson.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2017 3:05 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Thank you, Arkansas!

It was an honor to have the Administrator in Little Rock!

I know you are extremely busy, but wanted to take a moment to pass on a note about some of the career staff at EPA. We have enjoyed an amazing collaborative relationship with Mr. Andrew Sawyers (Director of EPAs Wastewater Office) and his staff. A few years ago, Mr. Sawyers formed an informal group called the Animal Agriculture Discussion Group that has led to some great work product including a flyer highlighting the benefits of manure as a fertilizer and videos for educating EPA staff on Animal Agriculture. This is a model of how collaboration leads to tools that protect water quality and educate the public.

Again, thank you for your time.

Jamie Burr  
Director, Environmental Technical Services  
Tyson Foods

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**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2017 1:52 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Childers, Marvin <marvin@thepoultryfederation.com>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] - Thank you, Arkansas!

On behalf of Administrator Pruitt, we wanted follow-up and thank everyone who took time out of their busy schedules to attend the WOTUS discussion yesterday at the Poultry Federation—it was a productive meeting despite differences in sports politics.

In all seriousness, the meeting was beyond beneficial to the Administrator, Sarah and the rest of the agency. Please let us know how we can be helpful going forward and also keep us posted on issues on the horizon in your neck of the woods.

A big thanks to Marvin for hosting and making such a productive conversation possible.

Best.

Tate

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**CC:** Kevin.J.Avery@conocophillips.com; Morris, Madeline [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=f42c86b4a2044779972ac94e098f0304-Morris, Mad]  
**Subject:** Re: Conoco Inquiry

Hey Kevin! Not on the books this go but I'd certainly like to discuss next time we are in town for longer.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 26, 2017, at 2:53 PM, Lyons, Troy <[lyons.troy@epa.gov](mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov)> wrote:

Tate—an old colleague (and friend), Kevin Avery, just reached out because he heard the Administrator was visiting on of ConocoPhillip's sites in Colorado next week. I told Kevin I was not aware of that but would connect everyone in case this is still the case.

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**Troy M. Lyons**

Associate Administrator

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**Sent:** 7/19/2017 8:37:44 PM  
**To:** Andrew Bray [abray@pestworld.org]  
**Subject:** Re: PPC Meeting Thursday

Yes!

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 19, 2017, at 3:36 PM, Andrew Bray <[abray@pestworld.org](mailto:abray@pestworld.org)> wrote:

Thanks Tate, maybe you and I can reconnect in August about some of the issues discussed.

Thanks

Andrew

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 19, 2017, at 1:26 PM, Bennett, Tate <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)> wrote:

Nancy Beck will be there

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 19, 2017, at 3:20 PM, Andrew Bray <[abray@pestworld.org](mailto:abray@pestworld.org)> wrote:

Tate,

Yes it is, i am also out of town. The PPC chair Ethan Matthews will be in touch soon, but the meeting is at CLA, 1156 15th st NW, suite 400.

Andrew

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 19, 2017, at 9:45 AM, Bennett, Tate <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)> wrote:

Andrew- I got pulled into travel with Pruitt this week. Is this still slated for tomorrow? I can't find my other email on this. I believe Nancy is still going to be attending but do you have the info on the meeting?

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 12, 2017, at 7:17 AM, Andrew Bray  
<[abray@pestworld.org](mailto:abray@pestworld.org)> wrote:

I'll confirm shortly, but usually the third Thursday which would be July 20<sup>th</sup>.

Thanks,

Andrew

Andrew Bray  
Vice President of Public Policy  
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[mailto:[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)]  
**Sent:** Monday, June 12, 2017 8:15 AM  
**To:** Andrew Bray  
<[abray@pestworld.org](mailto:abray@pestworld.org)>  
**Subject:** Re: PPC Meeting Thursday

July would be great. Let me know the date?

On Jun 12, 2017, at 8:07 AM, Andrew Bray <[abray@pestworld.org](mailto:abray@pestworld.org)> wrote:

Tate,

I got your message over the weekend, if you can't attend the meeting that is not a problem but maybe we can reschedule for the July or September meeting (we usually skip August).

Thanks,

Andrew

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**To:** Kathy Bergren [Bergren@ncga.com]  
**Subject:** Re: ICYMI: Administrator Pruitt Wraps Up Week-Long Heartland Tour

Perfect. Safe travels!

On Jun 21, 2018, at 6:47 PM, Kathy Bergren <Bergren@ncga.com> wrote:

Thanks for the call, Tate — appreciate it. Was on a flight but will try connect tomorrow. Have a nice evening!

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 21, 2018, at 4:35 PM, Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov> wrote:

Thanks, Kathy! Do you have a direct number?

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**From:** Kathy Bergren [mailto:Bergren@ncga.com]  
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**To:** Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>  
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As always, let me know if you have any questions.

AND, Happy Father's Day to many of you!

Tate

**From:** "EPA Press Office" <[press@epa.gov](mailto:press@epa.gov)>  
**Date:** June 15, 2018 at 6:19:20 PM EDT  
**To:** "[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)" <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Administrator Pruitt Wraps Up Week-Long Heartland Tour  
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## Administrator Pruitt Wraps Up Week-Long Heartland Tour

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**Omaha, NE** (June 15, 2018) — U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Scott Pruitt just wrapped up a tour across the heartland — meeting with farmers in Kansas, South Dakota, and Nebraska. Administrator Pruitt released the following statement:

“Our nation’s farmers are important partners to EPA in achieving positive environmental outcomes. After visiting communities in Kansas, South Dakota, and Nebraska, I will take the perspectives shared with me back to Washington to continue working on meaningful solutions on important issues such as the Renewable Fuel Standard.”

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### WHAT THEY ARE SAYING

#### KANSAS

**Congressman Roger Marshall:** “Good to have Administrator Pruitt in Kansas and especially at an Ethanol plant where he could hear firsthand concerns about proposed changes to the RFS. I’m glad to see the EPA and this administration taking farmers concerns seriously and taking the time to hear from them firsthand. I’m also especially heartened by the discussion of progress on a sorghum Oil Biofuels Pathway.”

**Kansas Department of Agriculture Secretary Dr. Jackie McClaskey:** “We appreciate the opportunity to show the EPA administrator the important work being done in Kansas to protect natural resources while growing Kansas agriculture, and we look forward to continuing the conversation in the future. Communication with our federal partners is key to developing policy that meets the needs of Kansas farmers, ranchers and agribusiness.”

**Kansas Department of Health and Environment Secretary Jeff Andersen:** “We appreciate the opportunities provided by the Environmental Protection Agency to implement federal programs in ways that meet the needs of our state. We will continue

to work with our State and federal partners, such as EPA, to identify innovative solutions to Kansas environmental concerns, such as smoke management and drinking water and wastewater system compliance.”

**Kansas Farm Bureau President Rich Felts:** “Administrator Pruitt visited Farm Bureau members in the Flint Hills region of Kansas today to see firsthand the need for prescribed wildland fire to maintain a native ecosystem of tallgrass prairie. Kansas ranchers need a partner from regulators such as KDHE and EPA to ensure the centuries-old tradition of prairie fire continues to keep invasive trees and species at bay. We trust Administrator Pruitt and the Trump Administration will do everything in their power to ensure the Flint Hills region remains in native prairie and is not overcome with Eastern Red Cedar and other non-native plants.”

**East Kansas Agri-Energy President Bill Pracht:** “That today’s meeting with Administrator Pruitt far exceeded the scheduled time limit for the gathering speaks to the urgency of the uncertain conditions confronting East Kansas Agri-Energy and Kansas corn growers. This venue provided all of us a critical opportunity to explain exactly how EPA’s real and proposed actions directly impact East Kansas Agri-Energy and Kansas corn. We thank Mr. Pruitt for listening.”

**Butamax Advanced Biofuels, LLC CEO Jan Koninckx:** “Butamax welcomes the decision by the EPA, after thorough review of Butamax’s submission, to register isobutanol at 16% level as a gasoline additive. We believe that the combination of bio-isobutanol’s desirable fuel properties and Butamax’s production technology means that bio-isobutanol has the potential for widespread introduction into commerce.”

## **SOUTH DAKOTA**

**NorthWestern Energy CEO Bob Rowe:** “We were honored to visit today with EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt and highlight our work to provide our customers in South Dakota, Nebraska and Montana secure, reliable and affordable electricity and natural gas. We rely on a diverse balance of fuel sources, including hydro, coal, natural gas, wind and solar, to serve our customers. We are committed to environmental stewardship in all aspects of our service. We support a thoughtful approach to energy policy that will allow us to continue to provide safe, reliable, affordable, and environmentally responsible essential services to the people and communities we serve.”

**South Dakota Cattlemen’s Association Executive Director Jodie Anderson:** “SDCA welcomes Administrator Pruitt to South Dakota to see first-hand the strong conservation ethic demonstrated by our state’s farmers and ranchers. We appreciate the opportunity to thank the Administrator directly for the work he has done thus far to roll back burdensome regulations, especially the Waters of the U.S. (WOTUS) rule. Landowners care for and about the land and other natural resources and we appreciate Administrator Pruitt’s actions, which acknowledge that more bureaucracy and

government mandates do not necessarily equate to cleaner air and water.”

**Event Host and Farmer from Reliance, South Dakota, Adam Schindler:** “Our decision to host EPA Administrator Pruitt was a decision carefully weighed and decided. As a farmer and a leader, the significance of an opportunity to host a cabinet-level official who leads decisions authorized through the EPA that have a six-figure impact on our annual farm profitability and discuss what we like and do not like was a worthwhile endeavor. It was a professional event with very frank discussion between producers and the Administrator about Renewable Fuels Standard concerns, the sorghum oil advanced biofuels pathway and other EPA decisions that impact South Dakota farmers and ranchers. We appreciate Administrator Pruitt for taking the time to listen to these concerns and challenges. The changes in blending obligations related to RFS waivers are costing South Dakota farmers millions of dollars and there are clear differences of opinion between the Administrator and agriculture on the impact of RIN prices on commodity prices. We hope to see the EPA take steps to resolve this issue and maintain the Administration’s commitment to renewable fuels.”

## **NEBRASKA**

**Nebraska Governor Pete Ricketts:** “Thank you to President Trump and Administrator Pruitt for delivering on your promise to roll back the job-killing WOTUS regulation. Today’s announcement is the next step toward returning common sense to federal oversight of intra-state waterways. Removing this threat to our state’s top job creator gives Nebraska the freedom to grow more opportunities for the next generation in the areas of agriculture and manufacturing.”

**Mayor of Omaha Jean Stother:** “We work cooperatively with the EPA on many important projects. Today, I shared our plans for the Omaha Riverfront Revitalization project, which includes Lewis and Clark Landing, a former Superfund site. The work we are doing can be shared with other cities to redevelop these sites for new public use.”

**Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality Director Jim Macy:** “This is the first time I’ve been able to pick up the phone and call EPA staff directly and elevate issues that need resolving. We thank Administrator Pruitt and his team for the cooperation as we work to achieve positive environmental outcomes for Nebraska.”

**Green Plains CEO Todd Becker:** “We appreciate Administrator Pruitt taking the time to visit and learn more about the challenges and opportunities for the ethanol industry and the broader agriculture community. We will continue to work toward solutions that allow greater market access for ethanol in line with the President’s commitment to rural America.”

**Nebraska Cattlemen President Galen Frenzen:** “Producers are the original environmentalists, and we care deeply about our water and our land as that’s our livelihood. If we are going to get our next generation home to the ranch, we need

clarity and certainty regarding regulation. Nebraska's livestock industry needs a replacement rule that is common-sense and allows landowners to easily determine whether a WOTUS exists on our operation."

## REGIONAL COVERAGE

**EPA Chief Scott Pruitt Visits Nebraska To Talk About Trump Administration's New Waters Of The United States Rule.** "Scott Pruitt met with a group called Common Sense for Nebraska at the Nebraska Farm Bureau headquarters in Lincoln... He told the group that the EPA on Friday plans to propose a new set of rules about what constitutes a Water of the United States and therefore is subject to federal regulations. A previous proposal under then-President Barack Obama received intense criticism from agriculture groups that said it went too far. Pruitt described the upcoming proposal as 'regulatory reform' rather than 'deregulation.'" ([Omaha World-Herald](#), 6/15/2018)

**Administrator Pruitt Holds Round table With Farm Bureau In Lincoln.** "Scott Pruitt stopped by Farm Bureau to do a round table with the leaders of agriculture in Nebraska. He focused on the new bill for Waters Of The United States. The Trump administration is releasing the replacement of the definition of Waters Of The United States rule, also known as WOTUS. 'It's going to provide clarity to farmers and ranchers and folks all over the country with respect to how a federal jurisdiction begins and where it ends.' Pruitt said the old WOTUS Act treated farmers, ranchers and land owners not like partners, but adversaries." ([KLNTV](#), 6/14/2018)

**Pruitt Meets With Ag Groups To Discuss WOTUS And E-15 Fuel Blends.** "Scott Pruitt, the Environmental Protection Agency administrator, visited the Cornhusker state on Thursday to meet with not only the governor, but with members of several agriculture groups. Among the topics discussed at Thursday's meeting, Pruitt spoke not only about the Waters of the U.S. rule, but also allowing E-15 fuel blends year round...Pruitt said changes are coming to WOTUS as soon as Friday." ([Nebraska TV](#), 6/14/2018)

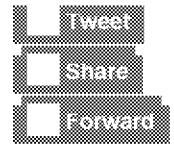
**VIDEO: EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt Visits Kansas Ethanol Plant.** ([The High Plains Journal](#), 6/14/18)

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**Omaha, NE** (June 15, 2018) – U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Scott Pruitt just wrapped up a tour across the heartland – meeting with farmers in Kansas, South Dakota, and Nebraska. Administrator Pruitt released the following statement:

“Our nation’s farmers are important partners to EPA in achieving positive environmental outcomes. After visiting communities in Kansas, South Dakota, and Nebraska, I will take perspectives shared with me back to Washington to continue working on meaningful solutions on important issues such as the Renewable Fuel Standard.”

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## WHAT THEY ARE SAYING

### KANSAS

**Congressman Roger Marshall:** “Good to have Administrator Pruitt in Kansas and especially at an Ethanol plant where he could hear firsthand concerns about proposed changes to the RFS. I’m glad to see the EPA and this administration taking farmers concerns seriously and taking the time to hear from them firsthand. I’m also especially heartened by the discussion of progress on a sorghum Oil Biofuels Pathway.”

**Kansas Department of Agriculture Secretary Dr. Jackie McClaskey:** “We appreciate the opportunity to show the EPA administrator the important work being done in Kansas to protect natural resources while growing Kansas agriculture, and we look forward to continuing the conversation in the future. Communication with our federal partners is key to developing policy that meets the needs of Kansas farmers, ranchers and agribusiness.”

**Kansas Department of Health and Environment Secretary Jeff Andersen:** “We appreciate the opportunities provided by the Environmental Protection Agency to implement federal programs in ways that meet the needs of our state. We will continue to work with our State and federal partners, such as EPA, to identify innovative solutions to Kansas environmental concerns, such as smoke management and drinking water and wastewater system compliance.”

**Kansas Farm Bureau President Rich Felts:** “Administrator Pruitt visited Farm Bureau members in the Flint Hills region of Kansas today to see firsthand the need for prescribed wildland fire to maintain a native ecosystem of tallgrass prairie. Kansas ranchers need a partner from regulators such as KDHE and EPA to ensure the centuries-old tradition of prairie fire continues to keep invasive trees and species at bay. We trust Administrator Pruitt and the Trump Administration will do everything in their power to ensure the Flint Hills region remains in native prairie and is not overcome with Eastern Red Cedar and other non-native plants.”

**East Kansas Agri-Energy President Bill Pracht:** “That today’s meeting with Administrator Pruitt far exceeded the scheduled time limit for the gathering speaks to the urgency of the uncertain conditions confronting East Kansas Agri-Energy and Kansas corn growers. This venue provided all of us a critical opportunity to explain exactly how EPA’s real and proposed actions directly impact East Kansas Agri-Energy and Kansas corn. We thank Mr. Pruitt for listening.”

**Butamax Advanced Biofuels, LLC CEO Jan Koninckx:** “Butamax welcomes the decision by the EPA, after thorough review of Butamax’s submission, to register isobutanol at 16% level as a gasoline additive. We believe that the combination of bio-isobutanol’s desirable fuel properties and Butamax’s production technology means that bio-isobutanol has the potential for widespread introduction into commerce.”

## **SOUTH DAKOTA**

**NorthWestern Energy CEO Bob Rowe:** “We were honored to visit today with EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt and highlight our work to provide our customers in South Dakota, Nebraska and Montana secure, reliable and affordable electricity and natural gas. We rely on a diverse balance of fuel sources, including hydro, coal, natural gas, wind and solar, to serve our customers. We are committed to environmental stewardship in all aspects of our service. We support a thoughtful approach to energy policy that will allow us to continue to provide safe, reliable, affordable, and environmentally responsible essential services to the people and communities we serve.”

**South Dakota Cattlemen’s Association Executive Director Jodie Anderson:** “SDCA welcomes Administrator Pruitt to South Dakota to see first-hand the strong conservation ethic demonstrated by our state’s farmers and ranchers. We appreciate the opportunity to thank the Administrator directly for the work he has done thus far to roll back burdensome regulations, especially the Waters of the U.S. (WOTUS) rule. Landowners care for and about the land and other natural resources and we appreciate Administrator Pruitt’s actions, which acknowledge that more bureaucracy and government mandates do not necessarily equate to cleaner air and water.”

**Event Host and Farmer from Reliance, South Dakota, Adam Schindler:** “Our decision to host EPA Administrator Pruitt was a decision carefully weighed and decided. As a farmer and a leader, the significance of an opportunity to host a cabinet-level official who leads decisions authorized through the EPA that have a six-figure impact on our annual farm profitability and discuss what we like and do not like was a worthwhile endeavor. It was a professional event with very frank discussion between producers and the Administrator about Renewable Fuels Standard concerns, the sorghum oil advanced biofuels pathway and other EPA decisions that impact South Dakota farmers and ranchers. We appreciate Administrator Pruitt for taking the time to listen to these concerns and challenges. The changes in blending obligations related to RFS waivers are

costing South Dakota farmers millions of dollars and there are clear differences of opinion between the Administrator and agriculture on the impact of RIN prices on commodity prices. We hope to see the EPA take steps to resolve this issue and maintain the Administration's commitment to renewable fuels."

## **NEBRASKA**

**Nebraska Governor Pete Ricketts:** "Thank you to President Trump and Administrator Pruitt for delivering on your promise to roll back the job-killing WOTUS regulation. Today's announcement is the next step toward returning common sense to federal oversight of intra-state waterways. Removing this threat to our state's top job creators gives Nebraska the freedom to grow more opportunities for the next generation in the areas of agriculture and manufacturing."

**Mayor of Omaha Jean Stothert:** "We work cooperatively with the EPA on many important projects. Today, I shared our plans for the Omaha Riverfront Revitalization project, which includes Lewis and Clark Landing, a former Superfund site. The work we are doing can be shared with other cities to redevelop these sites for new public use."

**Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality Director Jim Macy:** "This is the first time I've been able to pick up the phone and call EPA staff directly and elevate issues that need resolving. We thank Administrator Pruitt and his team for the cooperation as we work to achieve positive environmental outcomes for Nebraska."

**Green Plains CEO Todd Becker:** "We appreciate Administrator Pruitt taking the time to visit and learn more about the challenges and opportunities for the ethanol industry and the broader agriculture community. We will continue to work toward solutions that allow greater market access for ethanol in line with the President's commitment to rural America."

**Nebraska Cattlemen President Galen Frenzen:** "Producers are the original environmentalists, and we care deeply about our water and our land as that's our livelihood. If we are going to get our next generation home to the ranch, we need clarity and certainty regarding regulation. Nebraska's livestock industry needs a replacement rule that is common-sense and allows landowners to easily determine whether a WOTUS exists on our operation."

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## **REGIONAL COVERAGE**

**EPA Chief Scott Pruitt Visits Nebraska To Talk About Trump Administration's New Waters Of The United States Rule.** "Scott Pruitt met with a group called Common Sense Nebraska at the Nebraska Farm Bureau headquarters in Lincoln... He told the group that the EPA on Friday plans to propose a new set of rules about what constitutes a Water of the United States and therefore is subject to federal regulations. A previous proposal

under then-President Barack Obama received intense criticism from agriculture groups that said it went too far. Pruitt described the upcoming proposal as 'regulatory reform' rather than 'deregulation.'" ([Omaha World-Herald](#), 6/15/2018)

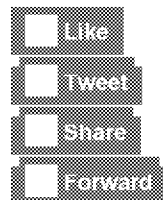
**Administrator Pruitt Holds Round table With Farm Bureau In Lincoln.** "Scott Pruitt stopped by Farm Bureau to do a round table with the leaders of agriculture in Nebraska. He focused on the new bill for Waters Of The United States. The Trump administration is releasing the replacement of the definition of Waters Of The United States rule, also known as WOTUS. 'It's going to provide clarity to farmers and ranchers and folks all over the country with respect to how a federal jurisdiction begins and where it ends.' Pruitt said the old WOTUS Act treated farmers, ranchers and land owners not like partners, but adversaries." ([KLNTV](#), 6/14/2018)

**Pruitt Meets With Ag Groups To Discuss WOTUS And E-15 Fuel Blends.** "Scott Pruitt, the Environmental Protection Agency administrator, visited the Cornhusker state on Thursday to meet with not only the governor, but with members of several agriculture groups. Among the topics discussed at Thursday's meeting, Pruitt spoke not only about the Waters of the U.S. rule, but also allowing E-15 fuel blends year round...Pruitt said changes are coming to WOTUS as soon as Friday." ([Nebraska TV](#), 6/14/2018)

**VIDEO: EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt Visits Kansas Ethanol Plant.** ([The High Plains Journal](#), 6/14/18)

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**Sent:** 6/14/2018 7:02:31 PM  
**To:** Marla Peek [Marla.PEEK@okfb.org]  
**Subject:** Re: your email distribution list

Hi Marla! Do you have time for a quick call? **Ex. 6**?

On Feb 15, 2018, at 11:26 AM, Marla Peek <Marla.PEEK@okfb.org> wrote:

*Hi Elizabeth!*

*Just a reminder about adding me to your email distribution list. LeeAnna has been forwarding me your emails and unfortunately, today is her last day.*

*Thanks so much!*

*Marla*

Marla R. Peek  
Director of Regulatory Affairs  
Oklahoma Farm Bureau  
2501 N. Stiles Ave.  
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**Sent:** 6/15/2018 6:58:52 PM  
**To:** Devin Mogler, Green Plains Inc. [Devin.Mogler@gpreinc.com]  
**Subject:** RE: Proposed Itinerary - Green Plains Omaha, NE

IN! She's great.

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**From:** Devin Mogler, Green Plains Inc. [mailto:Devin.Mogler@gpreinc.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, June 15, 2018 2:57 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Proposed Itinerary - Green Plains Omaha, NE

That would be great! Maybe we can do happy hour with Stephanie Groen!

Devin

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**From:** Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Friday, June 15, 2018 2:56 PM  
**To:** Devin Mogler, Green Plains Inc. <Devin.Mogler@gpreinc.com>  
**Subject:** RE: Proposed Itinerary - Green Plains Omaha, NE

That's right – the quote.

I'm excited to hear more once they return. I know and it sounds like he learned a lot from Todd. Let's catch up sometime soon in D.C.

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**From:** Devin Mogler, Green Plains Inc. [mailto:Devin.Mogler@gpreinc.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, June 15, 2018 2:54 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Proposed Itinerary - Green Plains Omaha, NE

Kelsi already sent it! Thanks though! Glad he enjoyed it. He and Todd really get along.

Devin

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**From:** Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Friday, June 15, 2018 2:50 PM  
**To:** Devin Mogler, Green Plains Inc. <Devin.Mogler@gpreinc.com>; Kunding, Kelly <kunding.kelly@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Proposed Itinerary - Green Plains Omaha, NE

Hey Devin! Thanks again for making yesterday possible. He truly enjoyed the conversation. I'll see if I can dig up and forward our press release.

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**From:** Devin Mogler, Green Plains Inc. [mailto:Devin.Mogler@gpreinc.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, June 15, 2018 2:48 PM  
**To:** Kunding, Kelly <kunding.kelly@epa.gov>; Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Proposed Itinerary - Green Plains Omaha, NE

Tate and Kelly,

Thanks again for all you did to help make the visit from the Administrator possible. Felt it went very well, and please don't hesitate to reach out going forward.

Have a great weekend!

Devin

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**From:** Kunding, Kelly [<mailto:kunding.kelly@epa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 13, 2018 12:00 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Devin Mogler, Green Plains Inc. <[Devin.Mogler@gpreinc.com](mailto:Devin.Mogler@gpreinc.com)>  
**Subject:** Re: Proposed Itinerary - Green Plains Omaha, NE

That sounds great. Thanks, all!

On Jun 13, 2018, at 10:46 AM, Bennett, Tate <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)> wrote:

That makes sense to me. Kelly?

On Jun 13, 2018, at 11:45 AM, Devin Mogler, Green Plains Inc. <[Devin.Mogler@gpreinc.com](mailto:Devin.Mogler@gpreinc.com)> wrote:

Tate and Kelly,

If the Administrator would like to speak to our employees and take a few questions, we thought that it might work better to do that on the front end of the visit, then pivot to the roundtable with Sr. Leadership. That way we don't have a hard stop if the conversation is going well! Please let me know if this itinerary works.

1:00 - 1:05 PM CDT – EPA Personnel arrive at Green Plains Inc. Omaha – Introductions  
1:05 – 1:20 PM CDT – Comments from Administrator, discussion of policy issues, short Q&A (trade floor with all Corporate employees)  
1:20 – 2:00 PM CDT – Overview of company, presentation on industry and topics pertinent to EPA, roundtable conversation (Board room w/ Sr. Leadership)  
2:00 PM CDT – EPA Personnel depart

Also, in order to make the roundtable discussion less crowded and more constructive, we are paring back the attendees:

- Todd Becker – CEO and Director
- Michelle Mapes – Chief Legal Officer
- John Neppl – CFO
- Jeff Briggs – COO and President Green Plains Ethanol
- Jim Stark – VP Investor and Media Relations
- Devin Mogler – VP Government Affairs

Thanks,

Devin

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**From:** Bennett, Tate [<mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 12, 2018 5:30 PM  
**To:** Devin Mogler, Green Plains Inc. <[Devin.Mogler@gpreinc.com](mailto:Devin.Mogler@gpreinc.com)>  
**Cc:** Kunding, Kelly <[kunding.kelly@epa.gov](mailto:kunding.kelly@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Proposed Itinerary - Green Plains Omaha, NE

Thank you!

On Jun 12, 2018, at 5:21 PM, Devin Mogler, Green Plains Inc.  
<[Devin.Mogler@gpreinc.com](mailto:Devin.Mogler@gpreinc.com)> wrote:

One addition:

- Todd Becker – CEO and Director
- Michelle Mapes – Chief Legal Officer
  - (Administrator Pruitt has met with Todd and Michelle in October, 2017 and March, 2018. Additionally Todd had dinner with Administrator Pruitt the evening of his confirmation hearing in January 2017, and participated in one of the White House meetings in February 2018).
- John Neppi – CFO
- Jeff Briggs – COO and President, Green Plains Ethanol
- Patrick Simpkins – Chief Development Officer
- Walter Cronin – EVP Commercial Operations
- Tony Vojsalvek – EVP Risk Management
- Mark Hudak – EVP – Human Resources
- Paul Kolomaya – EVP Commodity Finance
- Michael Metzler – EVP Gas & Power
- Devin Mogler – VP Government Affairs
- Jim Stark – VP Investor and Media Relations

Devin

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**From:** Devin Mogler, Green Plains Inc.  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 12, 2018 4:04 PM  
**To:** 'Bennett, Tate' <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Kunding, Kelly <[kunding.kelly@epa.gov](mailto:kunding.kelly@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Proposed Itinerary - Green Plains Omaha, NE

Thank you Tate.

Our Senior Management Team is:

- Todd Becker – CEO and Director
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- Mark Hudak – EVP – Human Resources
- Paul Kolomaya – EVP Commodity Finance
- Michael Metzler – EVP Gas & Power

Additionally, I will be joining for the roundtable conversation.

Devin

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**From:** Bennett, Tate [<mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 12, 2018 3:32 PM  
**To:** Devin Mogler, Green Plains Inc. <[Devin.Mogler@gpreinc.com](mailto:Devin.Mogler@gpreinc.com)>  
**Cc:** Kunding, Kelly <[kunding.kelly@epa.gov](mailto:kunding.kelly@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Proposed Itinerary - Green Plains Omaha, NE

Thanks again for putting this agenda together. Here is a list of staff:

Kelly Kunding: Advance  
 Lincoln Ferguson: Office of the Administrator  
 Troy Lyons: Congressional  
 Kelsi Daniel: Office of Public Affairs

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**From:** Devin Mogler, Green Plains Inc.  
[\[mailto:Devin.Mogler@gpreinc.com\]](mailto:Devin.Mogler@gpreinc.com)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 12, 2018 10:50 AM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Proposed Itinerary - Green Plains Omaha, NE

Tate,

Thanks for the call!

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 2:00 PM EDT – EPA Personnel depart

Will get you the list of names/titles for the round table directly.

Thanks again!

Devin Mogler | VP Government Affairs  
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**Sent:** 6/23/2017 5:35:30 PM  
**To:** Ethan Mathews [Mathews@ncga.com]  
**CC:** Konkus, John [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=555471b2baa6419e8e141696f4577062-Konkus, Joh]  
**Subject:** Re: WOTUS

In a meeting, but adding John to touch base if he hasn't already.

On Jun 23, 2017, at 12:06 PM, Ethan Mathews <Mathews@ncga.com> wrote:

Sorry for the late reply. Call whenever.

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**From:** Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 22, 2017 5:39 PM  
**To:** Ethan Mathews <Mathews@ncga.com>  
**Subject:** Re: WOTUS

Any chance I can buzz you tomorrow AM?

On Jun 22, 2017, at 4:23 PM, Ethan Mathews <Mathews@ncga.com> wrote:

Tate –

Could you give me a call when you have a moment to discuss WOTUS? My cell is Ex. 6

Ex. 6

Ethan Mathews  
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**Sent:** 6/20/2017 1:25:46 PM  
**To:** Kathy Bergren [Bergren@ncga.com]  
**Subject:** hey there!

Morning! Can you give me a quick shout? Ex. 6

Elizabeth Tate Bennett  
Senior Deputy Associate Administrator  
Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs  
Office of the Administrator  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

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**Sent:** 6/12/2017 12:14:51 PM  
**To:** Andrew Bray [abray@pestworld.org]  
**Subject:** Re: PPC Meeting Thursday

July would be great. Let me know the date?

On Jun 12, 2017, at 8:07 AM, Andrew Bray <abray@pestworld.org> wrote:

Tate,

I got your message over the weekend, if you can't attend the meeting that is not a problem but maybe we can reschedule for the July or September meeting (we usually skip August).

Thanks,

Andrew

Andrew Bray  
Vice President of Public Policy  
10460 North St.  
Fairfax VA 22030

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**Sent:** 7/7/2017 12:41:58 PM  
**To:** Andi Johnson [ajohnson@commercelexington.com]  
**CC:** Woodward, Cheryl [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=7a0d6a3af92640248638ca24fe87a777-Woodward, Cheryl]; Morris, Madeline [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=f42c86b4a2044779972ac94e098f0304-Morris, Mad]; Cory, Preston (Katherine) [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=bfd80b15f6d04a3ba11fc8ca3c85bc50-Cory, Kathe]  
**Subject:** Re: email introduction re: July scheduling request with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Hi again, Andi! Copying Preston Cory on my team to help coordinate / introduce herself during the walk through of the Green Room on the 11. Preston is a KY native and will be joining us in the meeting with the Administrator day of. She recently was a legislative assistant on Cap. hill for a TN member, and previously interned for McConnell and Guthrie. Figured you two need to meet beforehand anyways!

On Jul 6, 2017, at 7:48 PM, Andi Johnson <ajohnson@commercelexington.com> wrote:

Hi Cheryl,

Thank you for the detailed instructions. Attached is the list of Commerce Lexington attendees for the Wed, July 12 meeting with Administrator Pruitt at EPA at 2:30 pm. I just had a late addition tonight so we're at **38 attendees total**. Names and companies are listed. Please let me know if you have questions about this information.

I will be in DC on Tuesday, July 11 for meetings and to advance some of our site visits. Would you mind if I called you on July 11 when I arrive at EPA to advance where we enter the building just to touch base and meet face-to-face before our visit?

Andi

Andi Johnson  
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**From:** Woodward, Cheryl [<mailto:Woodward.Cheryl@epa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 23, 2017 1:13 PM  
**To:** Hupp, Sydney <[hupp.sydney@epa.gov](mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov)>; Andi Johnson <[ajohnson@commercelexington.com](mailto:ajohnson@commercelexington.com)>  
**Cc:** Lynda Bebrowsky <[lbbebrowsky@commercelexington.com](mailto:lbbebrowsky@commercelexington.com)>  
**Subject:** RE: email introduction re: July scheduling request with EPA Administrator Pruitt

My name is Cheryl Woodward and I will assist you in the logistics for your meeting at EPA on Wednesday, July 12 at 2:30 pm. The instructions/directions to EPA is below and if you have any questions please contact me. I will need your list of attendee's by July 5 close of business. Security will need to prepare passes after attendee's clear security screening and the process of our large group

visitor goes very smoothly and quickly for escorting to the Administrator's reception area. Look forward to seeing you all.

**Directions:** If you come by Metro, the Federal Triangle metro stop is directly below the building entrances. You would leave the metro station and go up all three sets of escalators from the train otherwise two escalators then do a small U-Turn to the left heading toward 12<sup>th</sup> street, the South Lobby entrance is directly and immediately to your right (Glass Doors -EPA Signified on Glass).

EPA address is 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW. If you are coming by taxi/vehicle, you want to be dropped off on 12th NW, **which is between Pennsylvania and Constitution Avenue**. It is almost exactly half way between the two avenues on with Federal Triangle Metro sign and Trump Hotel Towers side entrance can be used as a landmark. From 12th Street, facing the building with the EPA and American flags, walk toward the building (under the flags) and take the glass door on your left hand side with the escalators going down to the metro on your left. This again will be the **South Lobby of the William Jefferson Clinton building**.

Once inside the building, security will prompt you to scan all items such as bags, coats etc., and then let the guards know that you were instructed to call Cheryl Woodward at 564-1274 or Michelle Hale at 564-1430 to escort you to the meeting with the Administrator. Security will make temporary cards for everyone. Allow for 15 minutes to get through the process.

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**From:** Hupp, Sydney

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 23, 2017 1:07 PM

**To:** Andi Johnson <[ajohnson@commercelexington.com](mailto:ajohnson@commercelexington.com)>

**Cc:** Dickerson, Aaron <[dickerson.aaron@epa.gov](mailto:dickerson.aaron@epa.gov)>; Lynda Bebrowsky <[lbeprowsky@commercelexington.com](mailto:lbeprowsky@commercelexington.com)>; Woodward, Cheryl <[Woodward.Cheryl@epa.gov](mailto:Woodward.Cheryl@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: email introduction re: July scheduling request with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Of course! I am going to loop in Cheryl who can provide logistics for the day of. Yes, on names in advance, please.

Thank you!

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**Sydney Hupp**

Executive Scheduler

Office of the Administrator

**Ex. 6** (c)

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**From:** Andi Johnson [<mailto:ajohnson@commercelexington.com>]

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 23, 2017 11:08 AM

**To:** Hupp, Sydney <[hupp.sydney@epa.gov](mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov)>

**Cc:** Dickerson, Aaron <[dickerson.aaron@epa.gov](mailto:dickerson.aaron@epa.gov)>; Lynda Bebrowsky <[lbeprowsky@commercelexington.com](mailto:lbeprowsky@commercelexington.com)>

**Subject:** RE: email introduction re: July scheduling request with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Thanks for your flexibility. We look forward to the visit on Wed, July 12 at 2:30 pm. In terms of questions about room set-up, we would like the meeting to be as interactive as possible. I defer to your judgement as to how the room is arranged given the space.

Please let us know what we need to do as it relates to security and entering the building. Some initial questions include:

- Do you need to know the names of attendees in advance? If so, what information do you need?
- What entrance do visitors need to use to enter the building? Will someone meet us in the lobby and direct us to the room location?

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**Sent:** Tuesday, May 23, 2017 9:37 AM  
**To:** Andi Johnson <[ajohnson@commercelexington.com](mailto:ajohnson@commercelexington.com)>  
**Cc:** Dickerson, Aaron <[dickerson.aaron@epa.gov](mailto:dickerson.aaron@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: email introduction re: July scheduling request with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Can do! Moved it on the calendar to 2:30 on the 12<sup>th</sup>.

Thanks!

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**Sydney Hupp**  
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**From:** Andi Johnson [<mailto:ajohnson@commercelexington.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 23, 2017 8:45 AM  
**To:** Hupp, Sydney <[hupp.sydney@epa.gov](mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: email introduction re: July scheduling request with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Sydney,

I am also trying to schedule a meeting/visit to DOT with Secretary Chao. Her office got back to me last night and requested Thursday, July 13 in the afternoon.

Before I work with them further, I wanted to double back with you to see if Wed, July 12 around 2:30 pm would be a possibility for us to travel to EPA to meet with Administrator Pruitt – rather than Thursday.

If not, we understand and I'll work with the Secretary Chao's office on timing. We might be able to complete two agency meetings on Thursday afternoon. Our flight leaves late out of DC.

I'm just trying to be aware of all my options as we put the pieces together that is our agenda puzzle!

I sincerely appreciate all your help on this request.

Andi

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**From:** Hupp, Sydney [<mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 22, 2017 3:51 PM  
**To:** Andi Johnson <[ajohnson@commercelexington.com](mailto:ajohnson@commercelexington.com)>  
**Cc:** Woodward, Cheryl <[Woodward.Cheryl@epa.gov](mailto:Woodward.Cheryl@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: email introduction re: July scheduling request with EPA Administrator Pruitt

2:00PM it is! Looping in Cheryl for your security questions. On a group of 50, would you want him to speak to them or set it up mostly as a roundtable with some people in chairs to the side?

Thanks!

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**From:** Andi Johnson [<mailto:ajohnson@commercelexington.com>]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 22, 2017 3:31 PM  
**To:** Hupp, Sydney <[hupp.sydney@epa.gov](mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: email introduction re: July scheduling request with EPA Administrator Pruitt

This is great. To be on the safe side with travel, can we say 2 pm for the meeting start time? I received confirmation on Sen. Paul's time and it's 12:15 pm. I think having this extra 30 minutes will be better in case he is running late (which has happened every year).

How much time do you think we should allow for a group of 50 to get through security at EPA?

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**From:** Hupp, Sydney [<mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 22, 2017 3:12 PM  
**To:** Andi Johnson <[ajohnson@commercelexington.com](mailto:ajohnson@commercelexington.com)>; Rusty Ashcraft <[Rusty.Ashcraft@arlp.com](mailto:Rusty.Ashcraft@arlp.com)>

**Cc:** Bennett, Tate <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)>; Dickerson, Aaron <[dickerson.aaron@epa.gov](mailto:dickerson.aaron@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: email introduction re: July scheduling request with EPA Administrator Pruitt

1:30 works!

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**From:** Andi Johnson [<mailto:ajohnson@commercelexington.com>]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 22, 2017 10:45 AM  
**To:** Hupp, Sydney <[hupp.sydney@epa.gov](mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov)>; Rusty Ashcraft <[Rusty.Ashcraft@arlp.com](mailto:Rusty.Ashcraft@arlp.com)>  
**Cc:** Bennett, Tate <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)>; Dickerson, Aaron <[dickerson.aaron@epa.gov](mailto:dickerson.aaron@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: email introduction re: July scheduling request with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Sydney,

Would it be possible to meet at EPA on Thursday, July 13 anytime after 1:30 pm? Would that still be an option?

I received scheduling requests back from Sen. McConnell and Sen. Paul and they've requested our group meet with them mid-morning through lunch on Thursday at the Capitol.

If it's easier to speak by phone, please let me know a good time to give you a call.

Andi

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**From:** Hupp, Sydney [<mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 15, 2017 3:39 PM  
**To:** Andi Johnson <[ajohnson@commercelexington.com](mailto:ajohnson@commercelexington.com)>; Rusty Ashcraft <[Rusty.Ashcraft@arlp.com](mailto:Rusty.Ashcraft@arlp.com)>  
**Cc:** Bennett, Tate <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)>; Dickerson, Aaron <[dickerson.aaron@epa.gov](mailto:dickerson.aaron@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: email introduction re: July scheduling request with EPA Administrator Pruitt

We would love to host you at the EPA on July 13<sup>th</sup>! Mid-morning sound okay? Very flexible on timing. Are you wanting it to be a meeting or set up for him to speak?

Thank you!

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**From:** Andi Johnson [<mailto:ajohnson@commercelexington.com>]

**Sent:** Friday, May 12, 2017 5:26 PM

**To:** Hupp, Sydney <[hupp.sydney@epa.gov](mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov)>; Rusty Ashcraft <[Rusty.Ashcraft@arlp.com](mailto:Rusty.Ashcraft@arlp.com)>

**Cc:** Bennett, Tate <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)>; Dickerson, Aaron <[dickerson.aaron@epa.gov](mailto:dickerson.aaron@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: email introduction re: July scheduling request with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Sydney,

Great news! Right now, our schedule on Wednesday, July 12 and Thursday, July 13 is flexible. I've sent speaking requests to all the Kentucky delegation offices and to Secretary Chao. I'm waiting to hear back from them.

We have space reserved in the Capitol Visitors Center for both days from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Is there a time that you think would be better for Mr. Pruitt? Would he be traveling to us in the CVC or would you prefer our group hear from him at EPA?

Andi

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**From:** Hupp, Sydney [<mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov>]

**Sent:** Friday, May 12, 2017 1:15 PM

**To:** Andi Johnson <[ajohnson@commercelexington.com](mailto:ajohnson@commercelexington.com)>; Rusty Ashcraft <[Rusty.Ashcraft@arlp.com](mailto:Rusty.Ashcraft@arlp.com)>

**Cc:** Bennett, Tate <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)>; Dickerson, Aaron <[dickerson.aaron@epa.gov](mailto:dickerson.aaron@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: email introduction re: July scheduling request with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Thank you all. It looks like this is something we can move forward on getting set up. Is there a specific time that day that we should be looking at?

Thank you!

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**From:** Andi Johnson [<mailto:ajohnson@commercelexington.com>]

**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2017 4:35 PM

**To:** Rusty Ashcraft <[Rusty.Ashcraft@arlp.com](mailto:Rusty.Ashcraft@arlp.com)>; Hupp, Sydney <[hupp.sydney@epa.gov](mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov)>



**Cc:** Bennett, Tate <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: email introduction re: July scheduling request with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Thank you, Sydney and Rusty. If there are any questions about the event, please feel free to reach out to me for more information.

I hope we're able to work this out!

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**From:** Rusty Ashcraft [<mailto:Rusty.Ashcraft@arlp.com>]

**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2017 2:01 PM

**To:** Hupp, Sydney <[hupp.sydney@epa.gov](mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov)>

**Cc:** Bennett, Tate <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)>; Andi Johnson <[ajohnson@commercelexington.com](mailto:ajohnson@commercelexington.com)>

**Subject:** RE: email introduction re: July scheduling request with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Sydney

I hope you are well. Do you have any update on the appearance request by Commerce Lexington for Administrator Pruitt?

Thanks Rusty

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**From:** Rusty Ashcraft

**Sent:** Thursday, April 13, 2017 10:48 AM

**To:** 'Hupp, Sydney'

**Cc:** Bennett, Tate; Witt, Ethan (McConnell); Conner, Katelyn (McConnell);

[ajohnson@commercelexington.com](mailto:ajohnson@commercelexington.com)

**Subject:** RE: email introduction re: July scheduling request with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Sydney

Thank you. I have attached the completed form. Please let me know if there are questions? Also, feel to invite the Administrator, Tate, et al to the Kentuckians in Washington Event at Union Station on July 12 from 6-7:30.

Thanks

Rusty Ashcraft

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**From:** Hupp, Sydney [<mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 12, 2017 3:34 PM  
**To:** Rusty Ashcraft  
**Cc:** Bennett, Tate; Witt, Ethan (McConnell); Conner, Katelyn (McConnell)  
**Subject:** RE: email introduction re: July scheduling request with EPA Administrator Pruitt

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Thank you! Rusty, I have attached a meeting request form. Would you please fill it out at your convenience and send back? Please let me know if you have any questions on it!

Thank you!

Sydney Hupp  
Office of the Administrator- Scheduling

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**From:** Rusty Ashcraft [<mailto:Rusty.Ashcraft@arl.gov>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 12, 2017 11:13 AM  
**To:** Conner, Katelyn (McConnell) <[Katelyn\\_Conner@mccconnell.senate.gov](mailto:Katelyn_Conner@mccconnell.senate.gov)>  
**Cc:** Hupp, Sydney <[hupp.sydney@epa.gov](mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov)>; Bennett, Tate <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)>; Witt, Ethan (McConnell) <[Ethan\\_Witt@mccconnell.senate.gov](mailto:Ethan_Witt@mccconnell.senate.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: email introduction re: July scheduling request with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Thank you for your assistance...

Rusty

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 12, 2017, at 9:09 AM, Conner, Katelyn (McConnell) <[Katelyn\\_Conner@mccconnell.senate.gov](mailto:Katelyn_Conner@mccconnell.senate.gov)> wrote:

CAUTION: This is an email from an external sender. Use caution when clicking on links, opening attachments or responding.

Rusty,  
Ethan Witt mentioned that you are interested in requesting a meeting with Administrator Pruitt when the Bluegrass Region Policy Group visits DC in July. I wanted to connect you with Sydney Hupp, who handles scheduling requests for the Administrator. She's your best contact for facilitating this request.

Please let our office know if you need anything else while you're in town. Hope all is well!

Best,  
Katelyn

Katelyn Conner

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Senator Mitch McConnell  
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**From:** Bennett, Tate [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=1FA92542F7CA4D01973B18B2F11B9141-BENNETT, EL]  
**Sent:** 6/14/2017 8:14:21 PM  
**To:** David.igli@tyson.com  
**Subject:** FW: Questionnaire  
**Attachments:** EPW Cmte Questionnaire 115th Congress.doc

Hi Kevin-

Let you a voicemail, but do you mind filling this out as well?

Best.

Tate

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**From:** Lyons, Troy  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 14, 2017 3:55 PM  
**To:** Palich, Christian <palich.christian@epa.gov>; Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>; Ringel, Aaron <ringel.aaron@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** FW: Questionnaire

All—please send this to your nominees to have them fill this out. This is to speed up the process so it can be submitted to the committee once they are officially nominated. Thank you!

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**INFORMATION**

REQUESTED OF PRESIDENTIAL  
NOMINEES

In order to assist the Committee in its consideration of nominations, each nominee is requested to complete the attached Statement for completion by Presidential Nominees. The Statement is intended to be publicly available. In the event that a nominee asks that a specific answer be kept confidential, he or she should notify the Chairman and Ranking Member.

The original and forty (40) copies of the requested information should be made available to the Honorable John Barrasso, Chairman, Committee on Environment and Public Works, U.S. Senate, Washington, DC 20510 (Attn: Matt Leggett) as soon as possible.

**Name of Nominee:**

**Position to which nominated:**

**Date of Nomination:**

**Business Name:**

**Business Address:**

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**Business Phone:**

**Full Legal Name:**

**Date of birth:**

**State of residency:**

**Education:**

<b>Institution</b>	<b>Dates Attended</b>	<b>Degrees Received</b>	<b>Dates of Degrees</b>

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**Employment Record**

List all positions held since college, including the title and description of job, name of employer, location, and dates. If you were terminated involuntarily from any position(s), please note the circumstances. Attach additional pages if necessary.

Position Title	Employer	Address	Dates	Terminated (Y/N)

**Honors and Awards:**

List significant scholarships, fellowships, honorary degrees, military medals, honorary society memberships, and any other special recognition for outstanding service or achievement. Attach additional pages if necessary.

Date	Honor/Award



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**Memberships:**

List significant memberships and offices held in professional, fraternal, business, scholarly, civic, charitable and other organizations. Attach additional pages if necessary.

Organization	Office held (if any)	Dates

**Qualifications:**

State fully your qualifications to serve in the position to which you have been nominated.

**Future employment relationships:**

1. Indicate whether you will sever all connections with your present employer, business firm, association or organization if you are confirmed by the Senate.

\_\_\_\_ Yes.

\_\_\_\_ No. If not, please explain:

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2. As far as can be foreseen, state whether you have any plans after completing government service to resume employment, affiliation or practice with your current or any previous employer, business firm, association or organization.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes. If so, please explain:

\_\_\_\_\_ No.

3. Has anybody made a commitment to you for a job after you leave government?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes. If so, please explain:

\_\_\_\_\_ No.

4. (a) If you have been appointed for a fixed term, do you expect to serve the full term?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes.

\_\_\_\_\_ No.

(b) If you have been appointed for an indefinite term, do you have any known limitations on your willingness or ability to serve for the foreseeable future?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes. If so, please explain:

\_\_\_\_\_ No

(c) If you have previously held any Schedule C or other appointive position in the Executive branch, irrespective of whether the position required Congressional confirmation, please state the circumstances of your departure and its timing.

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**Financial Statement:**

Note: The Office of Government Ethics will provide the Committee with a copy of your Executive Personnel Financial Disclosure Report (SF-278).

1. List sources, amounts and dates of all anticipated receipts from deferred income arrangements, stock options, uncompleted contracts and other future benefits which you expect to derive from previous business relationships, professional services and firm memberships or from former employers, clients, and customers. Amounts should be indicated by the categories established for reporting income on Form SF-278, Schedule A.

2. Are any assets pledged?

\_\_\_\_ Yes. If so, please explain:

\_\_\_\_ No

3. Are you currently a party to any legal action?

\_\_\_\_ Yes. If so, please explain:

\_\_\_\_ No

4. Have you filed a Federal income tax return for each of the last 10 years?  
If not, please explain the circumstances.

\_\_\_\_ Yes

\_\_\_\_ No. If not, please explain:

5. Has the Internal Revenue Service ever audited your Federal tax return?

\_\_\_\_ Yes. If so, what resulted from the audit?

\_\_\_\_ No

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**Potential conflicts of interest:**

1. Describe any financial or deferred compensation agreements or other continuing of interest: dealings with business associates, clients or customers who will be affected by policies which you will influence in the position to which you have been nominated.
  
2. List any investments, obligations, liabilities, or other relationships which might involve potential conflicts of interest, or the appearance of conflicts of interest, with the position to which you have been nominated.
  
3. Describe any business relationship, dealing or financial transaction (other than taxpaying) which you have had during the last 10 years with the Federal Government, whether for yourself or relatives, on behalf of a client, or acting as an agent, that might in any way constitute or result in a possible conflict of interest, or an appearance of conflict of interest, with the position to which you have been nominated.
  
4. Explain how you will resolve any potential conflict of interest, or appearance of a conflict of interest, that may be disclosed by your responses to the above items.
  
5. Explain how you will comply with conflict of interest laws and regulations applicable to the position for which you have been nominated. Attach a statement from the appropriate agency official indicating what those laws and regulations are and how you will comply with them. For this purpose, you may utilize a statement by the relevant agency Ethics Officer.

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**Political affiliation and activities:**

List all memberships and offices held in, or financial contributions (in excess of \$1,000), and services rendered to any political party or election committee during the last 10 years.

Membership/Office/Political Party	Dates	Amount (if applicable)

**Published writings:**

List the titles, publishers and dates of any books, articles, or reports you have written.  
(Please list first any publications and/or speeches that involve environmental or related matters.)

**Additional Matters:**

1. If there is any additional information which you believe may be pertinent to the Members of the Committee in reaching their decisions, you may include that here.

2. Do you agree to appear before all Congressional Committees which seek your testimony?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes

\_\_\_\_\_ No. If not, please explain:



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**Sent:** 6/1/2017 5:39:56 PM  
**To:** Andrew Bray [abray@pestworld.org]; Graham, Amy [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=26722dfde5b34925b0ad9a8dd4aff308-Graham, Amy]  
**Subject:** RE: PPC Meeting June 15th

Our policy folks are unable to attend, but I can be there if you'd still like to have us. Feel free to send an outlook invite for the 11:30-12 slot.

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**From:** Andrew Bray [mailto:abray@pestworld.org]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 1, 2017 1:37 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>; Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: PPC Meeting June 15th

Tate,

Could you please let me know by early next week if you will be able to attend the PPC meeting?

Thanks,

Andrew

Andrew Bray  
Vice President of Public Policy  
10460 North St.  
Fairfax VA 22030



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**From:** Andrew Bray  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 23, 2017 4:02 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>; 'graham.amy@epa.gov' <graham.amy@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Jim Fredericks <jfredericks@pestworld.org>  
**Subject:** PPC Meeting June 15th

Tate and Amy,

I heard back from others on PPC leadership and we would like to invite you to speak at our meeting on June 15<sup>th</sup>. The meeting runs from 10:30 to 12:00 and we reserve 11:30 – 12:00 for discussion with an outside speaker like you. We would also like to invite Nancy Beck and Samantha Dravis if they have availability. We would hope to be able to present some of our issues but also have a discussion with you and some updates from EPA. We can finalize details when closer.

Please let me know at your earliest convenience.

Thanks,

Andrew

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**Sent:** 5/19/2017 6:37:14 PM  
**To:** Kathy Bergren [Bergren@ncga.com]  
**Subject:** RE: EPA contact info

Good seeing you yesterday! May I give you a call really quickly if you aren't in the middle of something?

-----Original Message-----

From: Kathy Bergren [mailto:Bergren@ncga.com]  
Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2017 5:12 PM  
To: Cheatham-Strickland, Latonia <Cheatham-Strickland.Latonia@epa.gov>; Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>  
Subject: RE: EPA contact info

Thank you, Tate and Latonia. I think we will have 3-4 people attending: Kathy Bergren, NCGA; Jessica Bennett, NCGA; Mike Dwyer, U.S. Grains Council. We may have one more from Grains Council joining us.

Thanks for helping set this meeting up.

Kathy

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From: Cheatham-Strickland, Latonia [mailto:Cheatham-Strickland.Latonia@epa.gov]  
Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2017 2:07 PM  
To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>; Kathy Bergren <Bergren@ncga.com>  
Cc: Gunasekara, Mandy <Gunasekara.Mandy@epa.gov>  
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Will do.

Best Regards,

Latonia

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Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2017 1:10 PM  
To: Kathy Bergren <Bergren@ncga.com>  
Cc: Gunasekara, Mandy <Gunasekara.Mandy@epa.gov>; Cheatham-Strickland, Latonia <Cheatham-Strickland.Latonia@epa.gov>  
Subject: RE: EPA contact info

Hey there! We are confirmed for 5/18. Apologies- we were running around a bit yesterday. Pesticide hearing. Ccing Mandy, but plan on coming to the North Building at 1200 PA Ave on 5/18 at 3 PM. How many folks are you bringin? Latonia, do you mind saving us a room/doing a calendar invite?

Thanks all!

Tate

Elizabeth Tate Bennett  
Senior Deputy Associate Administrator  
Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs Office of the Administrator U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

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From: Kathy Bergren [mailto:Bergren@ncga.com]  
Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2017 1:05 PM  
To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>  
Subject: RE: EPA contact info

Tate:

Sorry to bother you, but I just wanted to circle back and see if this meeting was confirmed on EPA's end. And if you want to hand me off to the policy office so you're not in the middle, that works too. Thanks so much for your help with this and getting us connected.

Kathy

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From: Kathy Bergren  
Sent: Wednesday, May 10, 2017 8:12 AM  
To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>  
Subject: Re: EPA contact info

Yes, that would be great. Thank you so much for your help with this - really appreciate it. Please let me know what you all need from me.

Sent from my iPhone

> On May 9, 2017, at 10:13 PM, Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov> wrote:

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>> Thanks very much for your time and your help. Good luck in your new position!

>> Kathy

>> Kathy Bergren  
>> Director, Public Policy  
>> NCGA Washington Office  
>> 20 F Street NW, Suite 600  
>> **Ex. 6** Direct  
>> bergren@ncga.com Mobile

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>> From: Bergren, Eric [mailto:Eric.Bergren@mail.house.gov]  
>> Sent: Friday, May 5, 2017 7:04 PM  
>> To: Kathy Bergren <Bergren@ncga.com>  
>> Subject:

>> Bennett.tate@epa.gov

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**Sent:** 6/7/2017 1:08:38 PM  
**To:** Van Etten, Megan [MVanEtten@USChamber.com]  
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**Subject:** RE: EPA to Extend Deadline for 2015 Ozone NAAQS Area Designations

Awesome. Hi Megan! Coping my comms team. Let me us know if you all do a statement or any press.

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**From:** Bembenek, Lindsay [mailto:LBembenek@USChamber.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 7, 2017 9:00 AM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>; Day, Stacy <SDay@USChamber.com>  
**Cc:** Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Van Etten, Megan <MVanEtten@USChamber.com>  
**Subject:** RE: EPA to Extend Deadline for 2015 Ozone NAAQS Area Designations

Thank you, Tate. I'm copying Megan here, who is the Chamber's communications point of contact for energy and environment issues.

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**From:** Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 06, 2017 8:48 PM  
**To:** Day, Stacy; Bembenek, Lindsay  
**Cc:** Konkus, John  
**Subject:** Fwd: EPA to Extend Deadline for 2015 Ozone NAAQS Area Designations

FYI!

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Milbourn, Cathy" <Milbourn.Cathy@epa.gov>  
**Date:** June 6, 2017 at 6:35:34 PM EDT  
**To:** "Bennett, Tate" <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>, "Konkus, John" <konkus.john@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** EPA to Extend Deadline for 2015 Ozone NAAQS Area Designations



**CONTACT:**  
[press@epa.gov](mailto:press@epa.gov)

June 6, 2017

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**Sent:** 5/8/2017 8:50:55 PM  
**To:** Brooke Appleton [Appleton@ncga.com]  
**Subject:** Re: meeting request

What's your cell?

On May 8, 2017, at 4:50 PM, Brooke Appleton <Appleton@ncga.com> wrote:

Hey Tate,

I hope all is well!

Did you get a thumbs up or down on Ag Liaison position? Happy to chat if that's easier, just let me know a good time to call.

Thanks,

Brooke

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**From:** Brooke Appleton  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 23, 2017 4:32 PM  
**To:** Tate Bennett <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Fwd: meeting request

Hey Tate,

I wanted to put the request below on your radar screen. Chip is awesome and is eager to serve. He farms in the Chesapeake Bay so he brings a great perspective.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Brooke

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Ethan Mathews <Mathews@ncga.com>  
**Date:** April 21, 2017 at 5:18:34 PM EDT  
**To:** "dickerson.aaron@epa.gov" <dickerson.aaron@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Brooke Appleton <Appleton@ncga.com>  
**Subject:** meeting request

Aaron –

On behalf of National Corn Growers Association Chairman Chip Bowling I would like to request a meeting with Administrator Pruitt to discuss the possibility of Chip serving as

the Ag Counselor to the Administrator. Chip would greatly appreciate being considered for this role and is imminently qualified. He farms about an hour south of DC and is available to meet with Administrator Pruitt or others from his team should there be interest.

Please find his CV attached.

Ethan Mathews  
Director of Public Policy  
National Corn Growers Association  
20 F ST NW, Suite 600  
Washington, DC 20001  
[mathews@dc.ncga.com](mailto:mathews@dc.ncga.com)

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**Sent:** 5/8/2017 8:33:41 PM  
**To:** Kathy Bergren [Bergren@ncga.com]  
**Subject:** Re: EPA contact info

Of course I don't mind. Give me a call! **Ex. 6**

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> Thanks very much for your time and your help. Good luck in your new position!

> Kathy

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**Sent:** 4/19/2017 2:34:21 PM  
**To:** Brooke Appleton [Appleton@ncga.com]  
**Subject:** Re: Catch up?

Call me Friday. **Ex. 6** Thanks for your patience. I've been a bit tied up lately, but happy we are finally staffing up!

On Apr 18, 2017, at 9:58 PM, Brooke Appleton <Appleton@ncga.com> wrote:

Sounds like a plan. Thanks for taking the time, I know you're slammed. Just let me know what day is best for a call and what number to reach you on.

Thanks again and safe travels!

Brooke

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 18, 2017, at 6:22 PM, Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov> wrote:

Hey Brooke-

Traveling this week with my boss and next week is a bit hectic too. Can we touch base next week via phone?

Tate

On Apr 18, 2017, at 2:07 PM, Brooke Appleton <Appleton@ncga.com> wrote:

Hey Tate,

Just following up to see if we can find some time to catch up. A quick phone call or coffee would be great! I could do this Friday or next Monday afternoon. Let me know what might work on your end.

Thanks,

Brooke

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**From:** Brooke Appleton  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 11, 2017 11:24 AM  
**To:** 'bennett.tate@epa.gov' <bennett.tate@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Catch up?

Hey Tate,

I hope all is going well and that you're enjoying your new role at EPA.

Would you have any time this week to catch up? I have a few questions and ideas I'd like to run by you. We could do coffee if you have time? Or over the phone, whatever works best.

Let me know what day/time might work best for you.

Thanks so much!!

Brooke

**Brooke Appleton**

Director, Public Policy and Political Strategy

National Corn Growers Association

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**Sent:** 6/7/2017 12:47:57 AM  
**To:** SDay@uschamber.com; LBembenek@uschamber.com  
**CC:** Konkus, John [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=555471b2baa6419e8e141696f4577062-Konkus, Joh]  
**Subject:** Fwd: EPA to Extend Deadline for 2015 Ozone NAAQS Area Designations  
**Attachments:** AZ Ducey 6-6-17.pdf; ATT00001.htm

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**Subject:** Re: PPC Meeting June 15th

Andrew-

This is my mistake, but is there any opportunity to engage with the group on the 16th or can you send me a schedule of the day's events of the 15th? Pruitt will now be on the hill most of the day on the 15th, and we will all be on call. If I can take a look at line by line OR if the 16th is an option, that would be ideal. If not, we can try and work something out on our end or come to the next meeting.

Sorry for the complication here.

Tate

On Jun 2, 2017, at 4:17 PM, Andrew Bray <[abray@pestworld.org](mailto:abray@pestworld.org)> wrote:

Tate, Amy & John,

Sorry for the delayed response, but we're all set for June 15<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 to 12:00. The meeting will most likely be at Crop Life America's office but I'll confirm as the date nears. I can meet you in the lobby when you arrive. Im sending a calendar invite now and will touch base with you again the week of. Have a great weekend.

Thanks,

Andrew

Andrew Bray  
Vice President of Public Policy  
10460 North St.  
Fairfax VA 22030

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**Sent:** Thursday, June 1, 2017 1:40 PM  
**To:** Andrew Bray <[abray@pestworld.org](mailto:abray@pestworld.org)>; Graham, Amy <[graham.amy@epa.gov](mailto:graham.amy@epa.gov)>; Konkus, John <[konkus.john@epa.gov](mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov)>  
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Adding Konkus to see if he can join too.

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**Sent:** Thursday, June 1, 2017 1:37 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)>; Graham, Amy <[graham.amy@epa.gov](mailto:graham.amy@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: PPC Meeting June 15th

Tate,

Could you please let me know by early next week if you will be able to attend the PPC meeting?

Thanks,

Andrew

Andrew Bray  
Vice President of Public Policy  
10460 North St.  
Fairfax VA 22030

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**Sent:** Tuesday, May 23, 2017 4:02 PM  
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**Cc:** Jim Fredericks <[jfredericks@pestworld.org](mailto:jfredericks@pestworld.org)>  
**Subject:** PPC Meeting June 15th

Tate and Amy,

I heard back from others on PPC leadership and we would like to invite you to speak at our meeting on June 15<sup>th</sup>. The meeting runs from 10:30 to 12:00 and we reserve 11:30 – 12:00 for discussion with an outside speaker like you. We would also like to invite Nancy Beck and Samantha Dravis if they have availability. We would hope to be able to present some of our issues but also have a discussion with you and some updates from EPA. We can finalize details when closer.

Please let me know at your earliest convenience.

Thanks,

Andrew

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Vice President of Public Policy  
10460 North St.  
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**From:** Bennett, Tate [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=1FA92542F7CA4D01973B18B2F11B9141-BENNETT, EL]  
**Sent:** 4/23/2017 10:07:48 PM  
**To:** Brooke Appleton [Appleton@ncga.com]  
**Subject:** Re: meeting request

Hey there. Thanks for sending. Happy to pass this along.

On Apr 23, 2017, at 4:31 PM, Brooke Appleton <Appleton@ncga.com> wrote:

Hey Tate,

I wanted to put the request below on your radar screen. Chip is awesome and is eager to serve. He farms in the Chesapeake Bay so he brings a great perspective.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Brooke

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Ethan Mathews <Mathews@ncga.com>  
**Date:** April 21, 2017 at 5:18:34 PM EDT  
**To:** "dickerson.aaron@epa.gov" <dickerson.aaron@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Brooke Appleton <Appleton@ncga.com>  
**Subject:** meeting request

Aaron –

On behalf of National Corn Growers Association Chairman Chip Bowling I would like to request a meeting with Administrator Pruitt to discuss the possibility of Chip serving as the Ag Counselor to the Administrator. Chip would greatly appreciate being considered for this role and is imminently qualified. He farms about an hour south of DC and is available to meet with Administrator Pruitt or others from his team should there be interest.

Please find his CV attached.

Ethan Mathews  
Director of Public Policy  
National Corn Growers Association  
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Washington, DC 20001  
[mathews@dc.ncga.com](mailto:mathews@dc.ncga.com)

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**Sent:** 5/23/2017 1:40:18 PM  
**To:** Andrew Bray [abray@pestworld.org]; Graham, Amy [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=26722dfde5b34925b0ad9a8dd4aff308-Graham, Amy]  
**CC:** Andrew Architect [aarchitect@pestworld.org]; Jim Fredericks [jfredericks@pestworld.org]  
**Subject:** RE: EPA/NPMA Meeting Tomorrow @ 10:00

Give me a buzz when you are downstairs.

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**From:** Andrew Bray [mailto:abray@pestworld.org]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 22, 2017 11:18 AM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>; Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Andrew Architect <aarchitect@pestworld.org>; Jim Fredericks <jfredericks@pestworld.org>  
**Subject:** EPA/NPMA Meeting Tomorrow @ 10:00

Tate and Amy,

Im looking forward to our meeting tomorrow at 10:00, I am bringing two of my colleagues at NPMA Andy Architect and Jim Fredericks. I've also attached comments we submitted last week on regulatory reform which is a good starting point for what we'd like to discuss with you tomorrow.

Thanks,

Andrew

Andrew Bray  
Vice President of Public Policy  
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**Sent:** 6/13/2017 1:50:22 AM  
**To:** Ethan Mathews [Mathews@ncga.com]  
**CC:** Andrew Bray [abray@pestworld.org]  
**Subject:** Re: PPC Meeting Thursday

Go ahead and pencil us in!

On Jun 12, 2017, at 3:56 PM, Ethan Mathews <Mathews@ncga.com> wrote:

No worries about the June meeting. We would love to have you guys join us on July 20<sup>th</sup> if you are available.

Ethan Mathews  
Director of Public Policy  
National Corn Growers Association  
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Washington, DC 20001  
[mathews@ncga.com](mailto:mathews@ncga.com)

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**From:** Andrew Bray [<mailto:abray@pestworld.org>]  
**Sent:** Monday, June 12, 2017 8:16 AM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Ethan Mathews <[Mathews@ncga.com](mailto:Mathews@ncga.com)>  
**Subject:** RE: PPC Meeting Thursday

I'll confirm shortly, but usually the third Thursday which would be July 20<sup>th</sup>.

Thanks,

Andrew

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Vice President of Public Policy  
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[abray@pestworld.org](mailto:abray@pestworld.org)  
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**From:** Bennett, Tate [<mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Monday, June 12, 2017 8:15 AM  
**To:** Andrew Bray <[abray@pestworld.org](mailto:abray@pestworld.org)>  
**Subject:** Re: PPC Meeting Thursday

July would be great. Let me know the date?

On Jun 12, 2017, at 8:07 AM, Andrew Bray <[abray@pestworld.org](mailto:abray@pestworld.org)> wrote:

Tate,

I got your message over the weekend, if you can't attend the meeting that is not a problem but maybe we can reschedule for the July or September meeting (we usually skip August).

Thanks,

Andrew

Andrew Bray  
Vice President of Public Policy  
10460 North St.  
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[abray@pestworld.org](mailto:abray@pestworld.org)  
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**Sent:** 6/7/2018 3:34:21 PM  
**To:** bobcasper@poetep.com  
**CC:** Ford, Hayley [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=4748a9029cf74453a20ee8ac9527830c-Ford, Hayle]  
**Subject:** Touching base

Bob—

I hope this finds you well. Do you mind giving me a call regarding a potential opportunity to for a visit in SD next week?  
My work cell is Ex. 6

Best.

Tate

Elizabeth Tate Bennett  
Associate Administrator for Public Engagement & Environmental Education  
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**Sent:** 5/10/2017 2:13:16 AM  
**To:** Kathy Bergren [Bergren@ncga.com]  
**Subject:** Re: EPA contact info

Hey there. Could you guys do 5/18 at 3 PM?

> On May 8, 2017, at 4:30 PM, Kathy Bergren <Bergren@ncga.com> wrote:

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> Tate:

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> Congratulations on your job with the Administration -- hope things are going well and you are not hearing from all 535 Congressional offices at once.

>

> I hope you don't mind that Eric passed along your contact info. I'm no longer on the Hill, but started recently with the National Corn Growers Association, working on ethanol policy issues. I need to reach out to EPA policy staff on a couple of issues, but wanted to make sure I'm contacting the correct person. If you have a minute, could you let me know whether I'm on the right track?

>

> We are interested in meeting with EPA policy staff about two priority issues for corn growers, the RVP waiver for ethanol blends greater than 10 percent (Administrator Pruitt made comments on this issue last week) and updating EPA's lifecycle analysis for ethanol. Do you know whether Mandy Gunasekara in the policy office would be the best contact for these two issues?

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> Thanks very much for your time and your help. Good luck in your new position!

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> Kathy


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> Kathy Bergren

> Director, Public Policy

> NCGA Washington Office

> 20 F Street NW, Suite 600

>  Direct

>  Mobile

> bergren@ncga.com

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Bergren, Eric [mailto:Eric.Bergren@mail.house.gov]

> Sent: Friday, May 5, 2017 7:04 PM

> To: Kathy Bergren <Bergren@ncga.com>

> Subject:

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> Bennett.tate@epa.gov

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**Sent:** 6/8/2018 2:23:11 PM  
**To:** Walther, Robert [Robert.Walther@POET.COM]  
**Subject:** RE: Walther Contact Info

Thanks in advance for your help, Rob.

-----Original Message-----

From: Walther, Robert [mailto:Robert.Walther@POET.COM]  
Sent: Friday, June 8, 2018 10:16 AM  
To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>  
Subject: Walther Contact Info

Thanks for the call. Will begin running traps now.

Rob

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Vice President of Federal Advocacy

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**Sent:** 5/16/2018 8:02:27 PM  
**To:** Earl Barrs [ebarrs@duesouthinvestments.com]  
**Subject:** Fwd: Good op-ed

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Ferguson, Lincoln" <ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov>  
**Date:** May 16, 2018 at 3:02:45 PM EDT  
**To:** "Ford, Hayley" <ford.hayley@epa.gov>, "Bennett, Tate" <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** FW: Good op-ed

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### Atlanta Journal-Constitution

<https://www.myajc.com/news/opinion/opinion-epa-pruitt-helping-set-the-world-right-again/o1zzM7VOGij1apC9BUE0UM/>

#### EPA's Pruitt Helping Set The World Right Again

By Tim Echols, 5/15/18

EPA head Scott Pruitt recently made a surprise trip to an elementary school in remote middle Georgia, and his pronouncement could have a profound impact on the energy portfolios of the future. Here's how.

By declaring biomass carbon-neutral, Administrator Pruitt returns the agency to its pre-2010 position and brings the United States in line with the European Union and California. After all, U.S. forests absorb CO<sub>2</sub>, and figures in 2015 suggest that over 11 percent of U.S. greenhouse gas emissions were "sunk" in our collective forests.

More importantly for heavily wooded states, Pruitt's pronouncement that burning wood would be "carbon-neutral" instantly made wood chips equivalent to wind and solar. Since I help regulate energy in a state with virtually no wind and 25 million acres of pine trees, it could change our future.

That future is one shaped by a post-Trump White House Democrat like Bernie Sanders who might take their own EPA down a cap-and-trade road where emitting CO<sub>2</sub> carries with it a financial penalty. President Obama tried this and was shot down with Congress rejecting the infamous government, market-based approach to controlling CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by providing economic incentives for reductions.

To be precise, Pruitt said that, going forward, biomass from managed forests (pine plantations in Georgia's case) will be treated as carbon-neutral when used for energy production at stationary sources. He added that the EPA would be assessing options for incorporating non-forest biomass (think yard waste) as carbon-neutral as well.

Solar and wind are wonderful, but they are intermittent. Burning wood chips or pellets, as they do in Europe, becomes renewable baseload energy: reliable, dispatchable and sustainable.



Utilizing biomass also offers a hedge against rising electric rates that might result from future escalation in natural gas, coal and uranium prices — all commodities that have historical price fluctuation. Even solar panels have experienced a price increase with the recent tariff imposed by the Administration.

Using a resource like biomass provides clean-tech job opportunities for local economies for plant operators, truck drivers and logging crews. And because those semi-trucks loaded with chips arrive around the clock, biomass provides a steady supply of electricity and steam and it does not depend on the sun shining or the wind blowing.

Administrator Pruitt has made a few mistakes as he has moved from serving at state level to the federal level. It is a steep learning curve and patience is in order. But know this: he is federalizing and reforming an agency that has been heavy-handed, anti-state, and anti-growth. I, for one, am willing to cut him some slack.

*Tim Echols is vice-chair of the Georgia Public Service Commission.*

**Michael Abboud**

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Office of Public Affairs

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**Sent:** 6/12/2018 3:20:40 PM  
**To:** Devin Mogler, Green Plains Inc. [Devin.Mogler@gpreinc.com]  
**CC:** Kundinger, Kelly [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=e3c9a5d16e2244079e222f342bf9992f-Kundinger,]  
**Subject:** Re: Proposed Itinerary - Green Plains Omaha, NE

At a meeting with our chief but will get that to you shortly. Copying our advance team

On Jun 12, 2018, at 10:49 AM, Devin Mogler, Green Plains Inc. <[Devin.Mogler@gpreinc.com](mailto:Devin.Mogler@gpreinc.com)> wrote:

Tate,

Thanks for the call!

Here's what I was thinking for a proposed itinerary:

1:00 - 1:05 PM CDT – EPA Personnel arrive at Green Plains Inc. Omaha – Introductions  
1:05 – 1:45 PM CDT – Overview of company, presentation on industry and topics pertinent to EPA, roundtable conversation (Board room w/ Sr. Leadership)  
1:45 – 2:00 PM CDT – Comments from Administrator, discussion of policy issues, short Q&A (trade floor with all Corporate employees)  
2:00 PM EDT – EPA Personnel depart

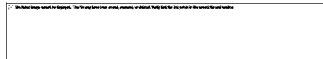
Will get you the list of names/titles for the round table directly.

Thanks again!

Devin Mogler | VP Government Affairs

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Email: [Devin.Mogler@gpreinc.com](mailto:Devin.Mogler@gpreinc.com)



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**Subject:** RE: Thank you

Thanks, Kathy, for taking the time to bring us up to speed. See you soon!

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**From:** Kathy Bergren [mailto:Bergren@ncga.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, May 19, 2017 5:05 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>; Gunasekara, Mandy <Gunasekara.Mandy@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Thank you

Mandy and Tate:

We appreciate you taking time yesterday to meet with NCGA and the U.S. Grains Council on the RVP wavier and the need to update EPA's LCA for ethanol. We look forward to working with EPA on these issues and others related to the RFS and renewable fuels, a key market for our corn growers.

Thank you and have a nice weekend,  
Kathy

**Kathy Bergren**  
Director, Public Policy  
National Corn Growers Association  
20 F Street NW, Suite 600

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**Sent:** 4/17/2017 2:21:05 PM  
**To:** Rebecca Smith [rsmith@fitzgeraldtrucksales.com]  
**CC:** Nichols, Ashley [Ashley.Nichols@mail.house.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: Introduction

Hey Rebecca-

Sorry we weren't able to connect earlier this month. I'm just now seeing your email. Apologies!

Let me know if you'd like to chat on the phone sometime this week?

Best.

Elizabeth Tate Bennett  
Senior Advisor to the Administrator  
Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs  
Office of the Administrator  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

**From:** Rebecca Smith [mailto:rsmith@fitzgeraldtrucksales.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 4, 2017 6:22 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Nichols, Ashley <Ashley.Nichols@mail.house.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Introduction

Tate,

Thanks so much for getting in touch. I'll be in D.C. next week - I know it's short notice but is there any chance you might have some time on Monday or Tuesday?

Best regards,

**Rebecca Smith**  
Public Affairs Manager  
Fitzgerald Truck Sales

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On Tue, Apr 4, 2017 at 11:39 AM, Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov> wrote:

Thanks, Ashley!

Rebecca, let me know when you would like to get together in the next few weeks?

Best

Elizabeth Tate Bennett

Sr. Advisor to the Administrator

Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

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**From:** Nichols, Ashley [mailto:[Ashley.Nichols@mail.house.gov](mailto:Ashley.Nichols@mail.house.gov)]

**Sent:** Monday, April 3, 2017 5:46 PM

**To:** Bennett, Tate <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)>

**Cc:** Rebecca Smith ([rsmith@fitzgeraldtrucksales.com](mailto:rsmith@fitzgeraldtrucksales.com)) <[rsmith@fitzgeraldtrucksales.com](mailto:rsmith@fitzgeraldtrucksales.com)>

**Subject:** Introduction

Tate,

Thanks again for taking the time to speak with me today about the issue facing Fitzgerald Glider Kits. I have copied Rebecca Smith of Fitzgerald on this email in hopes that you may be able to connect and find some time to meet.

Thanks again!

Ashley

**Ashley Nichols**

Legislative Assistant

Congressman Hal Rogers (KY05)

2406 Rayburn HOB

Washington, DC 20510

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**Sent:** 6/8/2018 8:17:42 PM  
**To:** Walther, Robert [Robert.Walther@POET.COM]  
**Subject:** RE: Walther Contact Info

Just wanted to check in and see if you had any new information? Thanks, Rob! -Tate

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Sent: Friday, June 8, 2018 10:16 AM  
To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>  
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Thanks for the call. Will begin running traps now.

Rob

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**Sent:** 6/11/2018 1:39:07 PM  
**To:** Devin Mogler, Green Plains Inc. [Devin.Mogler@gpreinc.com]  
**Subject:** RE: Potential meeting

Devin- do you have the address for the Shenandoah facility?

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**From:** Devin Mogler, Green Plains Inc. [mailto:Devin.Mogler@gpreinc.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, June 11, 2018 7:45 AM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Potential meeting

Tate,

Just noticed that Kelsi wasn't copied on this (unless it was bcc).

Hope you had a good weekend!

Devin

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On Jun 8, 2018, at 4:55 PM, Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov> wrote:

Is now OK? Copying Kelsi who might have some press questions for you as well at some point.

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**From:** Devin Mogler, Green Plains Inc. [mailto:Devin.Mogler@gpreinc.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, June 8, 2018 4:54 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Potential meeting

Tate – I hope all is well! I'm no longer in the Senate and have been with Green Plains since January.

My CEO called me earlier to let me know about next week, and I've been working with Leighton to get everything lined up on our end. I understand she's been in contact with you, but do you have time for a very quick call this afternoon?

I'm Ex. 6 Thanks!

Devin Mogler | VP Government Affairs

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Email: Devin.Mogler@gpreinc.com



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**From:** Todd Becker, Green Plains Inc.  
**Sent:** Friday, June 8, 2018 3:16 PM  
**To:** Devin Mogler, Green Plains Inc. <Devin.Mogler@gpreinc.com>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Potential meeting



Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Bennett, Tate" <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)>  
**Date:** June 8, 2018 at 11:10:27 AM CDT  
**To:** "[Todd.Becker@gpreinc.com](mailto:Todd.Becker@gpreinc.com)" <[Todd.Becker@gpreinc.com](mailto:Todd.Becker@gpreinc.com)>  
**Subject:** Potential meeting

Hey Todd-

Do you mind giving me a call regarding a potential visit?

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**Sent:** 4/10/2018 1:18:42 PM  
**To:** Leah Pilconis [pilconisl@agc.org]  
**Subject:** Re: AGC of America

Thank you! Hope you're well!

> On Apr 9, 2018, at 3:53 PM, Leah Pilconis <pilconisl@agc.org> wrote:  
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> Ryan -  
>  
> Please see attached.  
>  
> Warm regards,  
>  
> Leah  
>  
> Leah F. Pilconis  
> Senior Environmental Counsel  
> AGC of America  
> Direct: [Ex. 6] pilconisl@agc.org  
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>  
> <04092018 AGC Support for Wheeler Nom to EPA FINAL .pdf>

Message

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**From:** Bennett, Tate [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=1FA92542F7CA4D01973B18B2F11B9141-BENNETT, EL]  
**Sent:** 6/11/2018 12:39:41 PM  
**To:** Devin Mogler, Green Plains Inc. [Devin.Mogler@gpreinc.com]  
**CC:** Daniell, Kelsi [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=cd867173479344b3bda202b3004ff830-Daniell, Ke]  
**Subject:** Re: Potential meeting

Good catch! Thanks!

On Jun 11, 2018, at 7:46 AM, Devin Mogler, Green Plains Inc. <Devin.Mogler@gpreinc.com> wrote:

Tate,

Just noticed that Kelsi wasn't copied on this (unless it was bcc).

Hope you had a good weekend!

Devin

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On Jun 8, 2018, at 4:55 PM, Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov> wrote:

Is now OK? Copying Kelsi who might have some press questions for you as well at some point. Ex. 6

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**From:** Devin Mogler, Green Plains Inc. [mailto:Devin.Mogler@gpreinc.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, June 8, 2018 4:54 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Potential meeting

Tate – I hope all is well! I'm no longer in the Senate and have been with Green Plains since January.

My CEO called me earlier to let me know about next week, and I've been working with Leighton to get everything lined up on our end. I understand she's been in contact with you, but do you have time for a very quick call this afternoon?

I'm Ex. 6 Thanks!

Devin Mogler | VP Government Affairs

Mobile: Ex. 6

Email: Devin.Mogler@gpreinc.com

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**From:** Todd Becker, Green Plains Inc.  
**Sent:** Friday, June 8, 2018 3:16 PM  
**To:** Devin Mogler, Green Plains Inc. <Devin.Mogler@gpreinc.com>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Potential meeting

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Bennett, Tate" <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)>  
**Date:** June 8, 2018 at 11:10:27 AM CDT  
**To:** "[Todd.Becker@gpreinc.com](mailto:Todd.Becker@gpreinc.com)" <[Todd.Becker@gpreinc.com](mailto:Todd.Becker@gpreinc.com)>  
**Subject:** Potential meeting

Hey Todd-

Do you mind giving me a call regarding a potential visit?

**Ex. 6**

Elizabeth Tate Bennett  
Associate Administrator for Public Engagement & Environmental  
Education  
Office of the Administrator  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
(202) 564-1460  
[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)

Message

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**Sent:** 4/9/2018 11:10:52 AM  
**To:** jfredericks@pestworld.org  
**Subject:** Call today

Give me a shout when you can. **Ex. 6**

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**From:** Bennett, Tate [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=1FA92542F7CA4D01973B18B2F11B9141-BENNETT, EL]  
**Sent:** 8/7/2018 2:25:26 PM  
**To:** willard@ncga.com

8/21: 12-3pm

8/22: 3-5pm

Elizabeth Tate Bennett  
Associate Administrator for Public Engagement & Environmental Education  
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**Sent:** 8/7/2018 2:10:08 PM  
**To:** Kathy Bergren [Bergren@ncga.com]  
**Subject:** RE: Dicamba

Hi there, Kathy-

Hope you guys are well and that this month is a bit more quiet. We took Johnny Roman to his first horse show last weekend. Too fun.

I just wanted to circle back here. Do you by chance have Colleen's email? She reached out, but unfortunately I never had a chance to connect with her. Apologies for any inconvenience.

Talk soon and thank you!

Tate

-----Original Message-----

From: Kathy Bergren [mailto:Bergren@ncga.com]  
Sent: Thursday, July 19, 2018 10:05 AM  
To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>  
Subject: Re: Dicamba

Hi, Tate. I asked Colleen to reach out, so hopefully that works. And, FYI, was asked to join some of our states at EPA later this morning. They had scheduled a meeting with Bill Wehrum on RVP and asked me to join them.

Sent from my iPhone

> On Jul 18, 2018, at 7:19 PM, Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov> wrote:

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> That would be great. Ex. 6 is my cell. Just whenever you have time.

>> On Jul 18, 2018, at 7:11 PM, Kathy Bergren <Bergren@ncga.com> wrote:

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>> Sure -- but would it be OK if I included Colleen Willard from our staff as well? She handles all of our crop protection issues.

>>  
>> Kathy

>> -----Original Message-----

>> From: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>  
>> Sent: Wednesday, July 18, 2018 6:33 PM  
>> To: Kathy Bergren <Bergren@ncga.com>  
>> Subject: Dicamba

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>> Hi there! Do you have time for a quick shout on this topic once your folks leave town? Ex. 6 The information in this email, and any attachments, is intended by the National Corn Growers Association for the use of the named individual or entity to which it is addressed and may contain information that is privileged, proprietary, copyrighted, trademarked, etc. or otherwise confidential. It is not intended for transmission to, or receipt by, any individual or entity other than the named addressee (or a person authorized to deliver it to the named addressee), except as otherwise expressly permitted in this electronic mail transmission. If you have received this communication in error, please delete it without copying or forwarding it, and notify the sender of the error by reply email.

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**Sent:** 4/4/2018 7:37:18 PM  
**To:** Kathy Bergren [Bergren@ncga.com]  
**CC:** Dominguez, Alexander [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=5ced433b4ef54171864ed98a36cb7a5f-Dominguez,]  
**Subject:** Re: NCGA/State Corn Associations Letter Re: Small Refiner Exemptions

Hey! Thanks for flagging. Hope you are well.

On Apr 4, 2018, at 3:34 PM, Kathy Bergren <[Bergren@ncga.com](mailto:Bergren@ncga.com)> wrote:

Tate:

Just FYI.

Thanks and hope you are doing well.

Kathy

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**From:** Kathy Bergren  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 4, 2018 3:32 PM  
**To:** '[gunasekara.mandy@epa.gov](mailto:gunasekara.mandy@epa.gov)' <[gunasekara.mandy@epa.gov](mailto:gunasekara.mandy@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** NCGA/State Corn Associations Letter Re: Small Refiner Exemptions

Mandy:

Please find attached a letter to Administrator Pruitt from NCGA and state corn grower associations regarding the impact of RFS exemptions for small refiners.

Thank you,  
Kathy

**Kathy Bergren**  
Director, Public Policy  
National Corn Growers Association  
20 F Street NW, Suite 600

**Ex. 6** Direct  
Mobile  
[bergren@ncga.com](mailto:bergren@ncga.com)

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<NCGA Small Refinery Exemption.pdf>



## Appointment

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**From:** Pagano (US), Peter A [peter.a.pagano@boeing.com]  
**Sent:** 9/14/2018 6:39:05 PM  
**To:** Pagano (US), Peter A [peter.a.pagano@boeing.com]; Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]

**Subject:** Seattle trip planning  
**Location:** phone call

**Start:** 9/17/2018 8:00:00 PM  
**End:** 9/17/2018 8:30:00 PM  
**Show Time As:** Tentative

**Recurrence:** (none)

Peter will call Tate at **Ex. 6**

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**From:** Pagano (US), Peter A [peter.a.pagano@boeing.com]  
**Sent:** 9/18/2018 9:14:46 PM  
**To:** Pagano (US), Peter A [peter.a.pagano@boeing.com]; Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]  
**Subject:** Seattle trip planning  
**Location:** phone call  
**Start:** 9/21/2018 4:00:00 PM  
**End:** 9/21/2018 4:30:00 PM  
**Show Time As:** Busy  
  
**Recurrence:** (none)

Peter will call Tate at Ex. 6 unless you have another number you would like to use. Thnx

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**Sent:** 9/19/2018 9:37:17 PM  
**To:** Pagano (US), Peter A [peter.a.pagano@boeing.com]  
**Subject:** Accepted: Seattle trip planning  
**Location:** phone call  
**Start:** 9/21/2018 4:00:00 PM  
**End:** 9/21/2018 4:30:00 PM  
**Recurrence:** (none)

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**Sent:** 9/17/2018 10:26:45 PM  
**To:** Pagano (US), Peter A [peter.a.pagano@boeing.com]  
**Subject:** Accepted: Seattle trip planning  
**Location:** phone call  
**Start:** 9/18/2018 7:30:00 PM  
**End:** 9/18/2018 8:00:00 PM  
**Recurrence:** (none)